

Town Warrant for September 30<sup>th</sup> 1889

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex ss  
To either Constable of the Town of Acton in said  
County Greeting You are hereby required in the  
name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify  
the inhabitants of the town of Acton qualified to vote in  
Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town  
Hall in said Acton on the thirtieth day of September  
A.D. 1889 at seven o'clock P.M. there and there to act  
on the following articles viz.

- Art 1<sup>st</sup> To Choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting  
Art 2<sup>nd</sup> To see if the Town will take any action upon the  
order of the County Commissioners dated Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1888  
ordering that the Town way in the village of West  
Acton commencing at a point on the Southerly side  
of the Turnpike near the house of Luke Blanchard  
and thence running Southerly past the house of said  
Blanchard and D. H. Hall be straightened and  
widened, and that a new Town Way be built from  
the Southerly end of the aforesaid town way to a  
stone bound on the Easterly of the road from West  
Acton to South Acton or do or act anything thereon.  
Art 3<sup>rd</sup> To see if the Town will take any action on the  
order of the County Commissioners ordering alter-  
ations made in the old County road through the  
village of West Acton from a point near the house  
of G. A. Stevens to a point near the house formerly  
occupied by O. Leland or do or act anything thereon.  
Art 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will pay for the rebuilding  
of the Shive in front of the house of John F. Blood  
or do or act anything thereon.  
Art 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will take any action in  
regard to grading or concreting the grounds about  
the Town Hall, or do or act anything thereon.

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And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof one at the Post Office in the center of the Town one at the Store of Tuttle Jones & Wetherbee one at the Store of C. W. Mead & Co one at the Margot House and one at each of the Railroad Stations in said Town seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this the nineteenth day of September in the year Eighteen hundred and Eighty nine

Thomas T. Noyes } Selectmen  
Howard B. White } of Acton

Constable's return

Acton Mass Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1889

This is to certify that I have notified the legal voters of the Town of Acton by posting printed copies of this Warrant by me attested at the time and in the several places named in said Warrant as therein directed by the Selectmen of Acton

Edwin A. Phalen  
Constable of the Town of Acton

Proceedings of a Town Meeting held Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1889.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Acton held September 30<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1889 at 7 o'clock P.M. at the Town Hall the articles in the Warrant calling said meeting were acted upon in manner as follows, to-wit:

- Art 1<sup>st</sup> Chas Luther Conant Ex Moderator  
Art 2<sup>nd</sup> The town voted to instruct the Selectmen as their agents to straighten widen and build the road as ordered by the County Commissioners and within the specified time.  
Also that the Town Treasurer be instructed to borrow money if necessary to pay expenses of the same.  
Art 3<sup>rd</sup> Voted to instruct the Selectmen to proceed to carry out the orders of the County Commissioners in building said road; also that the water at the crossing of the Littleton road be carried under the road by a sluice instead of being carried off on the surface.  
Art 4<sup>th</sup> Voted to pay Mr Blood the cost of the sluice.  
Art 5<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Selectmen and Town Clerk be a committee for that purpose with authority to do all necessary grading and concreting around the Town House.

Voted to adjourn sine die  
Attest William D. Tuttle  
Town Clerk



## November Meeting Warrant for 1889

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss.  
To either Constable of the Town of Acton in said County. Greeting. You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Acton in Tuesday the fifth day of November A.D. 1889, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon then and there to bring in their votes upon one ballot for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer and receiver General, Auditor of the Commonwealth, Attorney General, Councilor for the Sixth district, Senator for the Fifth Middlesex District, Representative to the General Court for the Thirteenth district, Sheriff, District Attorney, County Commissioner for Middlesex County, Three Commissioners of Insolvency for Middlesex County and two Special Commissioners. The polls for the election of the above officers may be closed, at four o'clock P.M.

Also to act on the following articles as they may think proper, viz.

- Article 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside in said Town meeting.  
Article 2<sup>d</sup> To see what action the Town will take in regard to the suit of the City of Waltham against the Town of Acton for the support of a pauper, or do or not anything thereon.  
Art 3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will make a By-law or By-laws, relating to townsmen, or take any action thereon.  
Art 4<sup>th</sup> To see what the Town will do with money bequeathed to the Town by individuals for the care of their lots in the Cemeteries, or do or not anything thereon.

## November Meeting Warrant for 1889.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Post Office in the Center of the Town, one at the Store of Fittles Jones & Wetherbee one at the Store of C. H. Merrill & Co. one at the Mayor's House, and one at each of the Railroad Stations in said Town seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for said meeting. Given under our hands this the twenty second day of October in the year Eighteen hundred & Eighty nine.

Thomas F. Hayes } Election of  
Howard B. White } Acton.

Acton Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1889.

This is to certify that I have notified the legal voters of the Town of Acton by posting printed copies of this Warrant by me attested at the time and in the several places named in said Warrant as therein directed by you.

Edwin A. Phalen Constable of Acton.

## Proceedings of November Meeting 1889.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Acton held on Tuesday the fifth day of November A.D. 1889 at eleven o'clock A.M. for the election of State, County and District officers named in the warrant calling said meeting, and for the transaction of Town Business, all the Ballots then and there given in were sorted counted and declaration thereof made as by law required and the names of the persons voted for and the offices for which they were candidates and the number of Ballots each candidate received and the number of blank ballots were as follows, to wit:

Before balloting the ballot box was publicly shown to be empty and the register pointed to zero. The whole number of Ballots cast was by count 362. The Ballot box registered 362 and the number of names checked on the voting lists was 362. There was one blank ballot.

There were for Governor 348 ballots

|                                  |     |          |
|----------------------------------|-----|----------|
| John Blackmer of Springfield     | had | 31 votes |
| John L. A. Brackett of Arlington | "   | 176 "    |
| William E. Russell of Cambridge  | "   | 141 "    |

For Lieutenant Governor

|                                  |     |       |
|----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| John W. Corcoran of Clinton      | had | 123 " |
| William E. Bailey of Springfield | "   | 176 " |
| Benjamin F. Sturtevant of Boston | "   | 24 "  |

For Secretary

|                                  |     |          |
|----------------------------------|-----|----------|
| George D. Crittenden of Buckland | had | 24 votes |
| William A. Osgood of Boston      | had | 130 "    |
| Henry B. Pierce of Abington      | "   | 142 "    |

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

|                                |     |           |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----------|
| George A. Marden of Lowell     | had | 180 votes |
| Edwin L. Minn of Holyoke       | "   | 117 "     |
| Frederic L. Wing of Ashburnham | "   | 18 "      |

## Proceedings of November Meeting 1889 For Auditor

|                                   |     |          |
|-----------------------------------|-----|----------|
| William H. Gleason of Boston      | had | 27 votes |
| Charles R. Ladd of Springfield    | "   | 157 "    |
| William D. T. Tropy of Northbrook | "   | 115 "    |

For Attorney General.

|                                  |     |           |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----------|
| Allen Coffin of Nantucket        | had | 24 votes  |
| Elisha B. Maynard of Springfield | "   | 125 votes |
| Andrew J. Waldeman of Pittsfield | "   | 159 votes |

For Councillor Sixth District.

|                              |     |           |
|------------------------------|-----|-----------|
| Amos E. Hall of Everett      | had | 23 votes  |
| Byron Truell of Lawrence     | had | 168 votes |
| Charles J. Williams of Acton | "   | 118 votes |

For District Attorney (Northern District)

|                             |     |           |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----------|
| Patrick H. Cooney of Writch | had | 184 votes |
| Frank M. Foxbush of North   | "   | 40 votes  |

For Sheriff.

|                             |     |           |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----------|
| Henry G. Cushing of Lowell  | had | 227 votes |
| John Howard Mason of Woburn | had | 23 "      |

For County Commissioner

|                                 |     |           |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----------|
| William S. Frost of Marlborough | had | 167 votes |
| Elmer D. Howe of Marlborough    | "   | 18 "      |
| John L. Hunt of Lowell          | had | 113 votes |

For Two Special Commissioners

|                                   |     |          |
|-----------------------------------|-----|----------|
| Freeman N. Boardwell of Cambridge | had | 25 votes |
| George C. Byron of Chelmsford     | "   | 110 "    |
| Lymon Dike of Andover             | "   | 140 "    |
| Marcellus H. Fletcher of Lowell   | "   | 114 "    |
| Rufus H. Hapgood of Hudson        | "   | 24 "     |
| Edward E. Thompson of Woburn      | "   | 132 "    |

For Three Commissioners of Insolvency

|                                |     |           |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----------|
| George J. Burns of Ayer        | had | 154 votes |
| James H. Carmichael of Lowell  | had | 105 votes |
| Frederic J. Germaine of Lowell | had | 155 votes |
| George W. Hayward of Westford  | had | 110 "     |
| John C. Kennedy of Newton      | "   | 143 votes |
| Henry C. Mulligan of North     | "   | 96 votes  |



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For Senator (5<sup>th</sup> Middlesex Dist)

Linney Adams of Townsend had 20 votes  
 Moses P. Palmer of Groton " 163 "  
 James Skinner of Webster had 125 votes  
 & on account 162 "

For Representative to the General Court  
 from the 30 Middlesex Dist

Alfred D. Gleason of Stow had 78 votes  
 Aaron C. Handley of Acton " 230 "  
 Francis H. Stevens of Stow " 25 "

## Town Business

Art 1<sup>st</sup> Chose Luther Conant Esq Moderator

Art 2<sup>d</sup> Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be  
 instructed to obtain counsel and contest the  
 suit; and also what appears to them for the  
 best interests of the town in relation to the  
 case.

Art 3<sup>d</sup> Voted to adopt the By-laws recd by  
 A. A. Myerson which were the same as then  
 heretofore adopted by the Town and approved  
 by the Court.

Art 4<sup>th</sup> Voted to reconsider the vote whereby the  
 Town at the April meeting for 1887, voted to  
 authorize the Town Clerk to receive such  
 bequests in behalf of the Town and Voted  
 that the Town Treasurer be authorized and  
 instructed to receive all such money and  
 bequests and to safely invest the same, the  
 income of which shall be expended annually under  
 the direction of the Cemetery Committee in the proper  
 care and ornamentation of the lots of the donors.  
 The doings of the Cemetery Committee under this  
 vote shall be reported in print to the Town <sup>annually</sup> in  
 the Annual Report of the Town Officers for  
 each year. Voted to dismiss the warrant  
 and at the close of the meeting it was adjourned  
 till the 10<sup>th</sup> of Decr 1889 at 7 o'clock P.M.

The vote for Representative to the General  
 Court from the 30<sup>th</sup> Middlesex Representative  
 District was as follows.

|             | Aaron C. Handley<br>of Acton | Alfred D. Gleason<br>of Stow | Francis H. Stevens<br>of Stow |
|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Acton;      | 230.                         | 78                           | 25.                           |
| Dorchester; | 41                           | 10.                          | 11                            |
| Littleton;  | 55.                          | 63.                          | 3                             |
| Maynard;    | 218                          | 104.                         | 4                             |
| Coakley;    | 33                           | 28                           |                               |
| Stow;       | 72                           | 77.                          | 17.                           |
|             | 649                          | 360.                         | 60                            |

## Sixth Class License

1889 No 1 1890

To sell Intoxicating Liquors for Medicinal Mechanical  
 and Chemical purposes only. This is to certify that  
 the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Acton have granted  
 a license to Isaac H. Venturini No. 10, doing business  
 at West Acton

to sell or expose or keep for sale until May 1<sup>st</sup> 1890  
 Spirituous or intoxicating Liquors for Mechanical Medicinal  
 and Chemical purposes only. Subject to the  
 conditions mentioned in the Public Statutes Chapter  
 100 Section 9 & Chapter 262 Stats of 1888. This license  
 is granted and accepted upon the express condition  
 that the person or persons above licensed shall in all  
 respects fulfil and conform to all the requirements of  
 the law; and that in case of any breach of either of  
 said requirements this license shall become null  
 and void. In testimony whereof the undersigned have  
 hereunto affixed their official signatures this twentyfirst  
 day of December A.D. 1889.

Howard B. White Chairman of Selectmen.

William D. Tuttle Town Clerk

Received and recorded December 28 1889 at

7 o'clock P.M.



January 1890  
Warrant for a meeting held January 24<sup>th</sup>  
1890

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex ss.  
To either <sup>the</sup> Constables of the Town of Acton in the  
County of Middlesex, Greeting,  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants  
of the town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and  
Town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in said  
town on Friday the twenty fourth day of January A.D.  
1890 at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there  
to act upon the following articles as they may think  
proper, viz,

- Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside in said  
meeting  
Art 2<sup>d</sup> To see what action the Town will take upon the  
petition of Luke Planchard and Phineas Wetherbee  
to the Superior Court for a jury to determine the  
amount of their damages caused by the widening  
of an old town way and building a new Town  
way in the village of West Acton as ordered  
by the County Commissioners of Middlesex  
County or do or not anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting  
up attested copies thereof in the following places One  
at the Post Office in the center of the Town One at the  
Store of Fiddes Jones and Wetherbee One at the Store of  
C. W. Mead & Co one at the Hayes House and One at  
each of the Railroad Stations in the Town seven days  
at least before the time appointed for holding said  
meeting Hereof fail not and make due return of  
of this warrant with your doings thereon to the  
Selectmen or Town Clerk at or before the time of  
holding said meeting

Given under our hands at Acton this thirteenth  
day of January in the year One thousand Eight  
Hundred and ninety

Thomas F. Hayes } Selectmen  
Howard B. White } of Acton

Constables return on the Warrant.

Acton January 16<sup>th</sup> 1890

I have this day posted a copy of this Warrant  
in the several places herein named.

Edwin A. Phalen Constable of Acton

Proceedings of Meeting held Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 1890

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the  
Town of Acton held January 24<sup>th</sup> 1890 at seven  
o'clock in the evening the articles in the Warrant  
calling said meeting were acted upon in  
manner as follows, to wit,

Art 1<sup>st</sup> Chose Luther Conant Esq Moderator

Art 2<sup>d</sup> Voted to instruct the Selectmen to employ  
Counsel in the case and also to ask the Court  
that action in the case before it may be  
deferred until the Town can take action  
in the matter at the next March meeting  
Also Voted that the Selectmen be instructed  
to protect the interests of the Town in the  
mean time

Voted to dismiss and dissolve  
the meeting.

Attest, William D. Tuttle  
Town Clerk

## Warrant for March Meeting 1890.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex, Greeting.  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the third day of March AD 1890. at one o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper.

- Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.  
Art 2<sup>d</sup> To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.  
Art 3<sup>d</sup> To see what action the Town will take upon the petition of Luke Blanchard for a jury to determine the amount of his damages caused by the widening of an old Town way; and the building of a new Town way in the village of West Acton as ordered by the County Commissioners of Middlesex County, or do or not anything thereon.  
Art 4<sup>th</sup> To see what action the Town will take upon the petition of Phineas Wetherbee for a jury to determine the amount of his damages caused by the widening of a Town way in the village of West Acton, as ordered by the County Commissioners of Middlesex County, or do or not anything thereon.  
Art 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will make special repairs upon the road leading from West Acton to Steer between the houses of Walter Littlefield and F. R. R. Boon or do or not anything thereon.  
Art 6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will petition the County Commissioners to relocate further North that part of the Leamel Stevens road, so called, lying between

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- Art 6<sup>th</sup> the Turnpike and the house of E. C. Parker.  
Art 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will accept sections one to ten inclusive of Chapter 51 of the Public Statutes relating to Betterments.  
Art 8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will dig a Well for the use of the North School, or do or not anything thereon.  
Art 9<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will establish the pay of the Ballot Clerks appointed under the provisions of Chapter 413 Acts of 1889.  
Art 10 To see if the Town will accept as a Gift the Memorial Library Building, lately erected in Acton center by W. H. Wilde Esq with the grounds appurtenant to the same, or do or not anything thereon.  
Art 11<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of the Committee chosen to see about securing additional land for Mt Hope Cemetery and do or not anything thereon.  
Art 12<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to pay interest on money that may be deposited with him for the care of lots in the Cemeteries or do or not anything thereon.  
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies attested by you in the following places one at the Post Office in the center of the Town one at the Store of Thos James Wetherbee one at the Store of C. W. Wood & Co one at the Village Green and one in each of the Railroad Stations in the Town. seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.  
Whereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time of holding said meeting.  
Given under our hands in Acton this eighteenth day of February in the year One thousand Eight hundred and Ninety  
Thomas H. Noyes, Selectman of  
Howard B. White, Acton.



Return of Constable on March Warrant 1890  
Acton Mass Feby 22 1890

This is to certify that I have notified the legal voters of the Town of Acton by posting printed copies of this Warrant by me attested at the time and at the several places named in said Warrant as therein directed by the Selectmen of said Town.

Edwin A. Phalen Constable of Acton.

# Proceedings of March Meeting 1890

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Acton held on Monday the Thirtieth day of March A.D. 1890 at One o'clock in the afternoon, at the Town Hall, the articles in the Warrant calling said meeting were acted upon in manner as follows.

The Town Clerk being absent - Horace F. Tuttle was chosen Clerk pro tem and sworn.

Art 1<sup>st</sup> Luther Everett was chosen Moderator  
Howard B. White, and Thomas F. Noyes were appointed and sworn as tellers.

Art 2 William D. Tuttle was chosen Town Clerk  
Howard B. White }  
Wm. F. Stevens } were chosen Selectmen  
& George R. Noyes }

voted to choose five assessors, to take the valuation of the Town this year, and chose

Phineas Wetherbee }  
Channey B. Robbins } Assessors.  
John White }  
Auron C. Handley }  
Thomas F. Noyes }

Chose  
Elisha W. Cutler }  
Lyman C. Taylor } Overseers of the  
Auron C. Handley } Poor.

Chose Jonathan W. Wetherbee Town Treasurer

Chose William J. Hoagswood }  
& D. James Wetherbee } Auditors

Chose Charles J. Williams & David C. Harris  
members of the School Committee for  
3 year each.

Chose Nelson C. Reed Oliver W. Mead &  
Francis Kosmer Town Viewers.



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Art 2<sup>d</sup> For Surveyors of Lumber

Chose W<sup>m</sup> B. Davis W<sup>m</sup> S. Warren L. W. Stevens

Edward F. Richardson Geo. C. Harris.

Charles A. Brooks Herbert T. Clark

For Surveyors of Wood

Chose W<sup>m</sup> B. Davis Geo. C. Harris Henry D. Parlin

Solomon L. Dutton Charles Taylor John F. Davis

Jana P. Fletcher Herbert T. Clark

Chose for Surveyors of Hoops & Staves

Augustus Fletcher.

For Field Drivers

Chose Eddie F. Conant Geo. C. Brooks John F. Coughlin

William Mehegan.

For Cemetery Committee

Chose John Fletcher W<sup>m</sup> W. Davis & Levi W. Stevens

Voted to choose the Fish Committee at April meeting also the Constables

Voted to pass over the choice of Highway Surveyors

Voted to take up the 10<sup>th</sup> article. At this point

a letter from W. A. Wilde Esq to the Selectmen of Acton was read, of which the following is an exact copy

"Malden February 27<sup>th</sup> 1890.

To the Selectmen of Acton

Gentlemen, For a long

time past it has been my intention if ever I was able to do so to remember my native town by the gift of some memorial to the memory of those brave and patriotic men of Acton who so freely gave Time Strength and Health and many of them their Lives in the War of the Rebellion 1861-65.

To carry out this plan in what seemed to me the most advantageous and permanent method possible I have purchased the estate of Rev James Fletcher adjacent to the Town House and erected thereon a Memorial Library placing upon its shelves

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some few thousand volumes more or less and I beg the privilege of presenting this property to the Town as a free gift only stipulating that it shall forever be kept as a Memorial Library and free to all the citizens of the patriotic old Town of Acton which I shall always love and be proud of.

If it shall please the town to accept this gift, I shall be glad to pass all necessary papers for the transfer of the property to whom and at such time as the town shall direct."

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours truly

William A. Wilde"

Art 10<sup>th</sup>

Resolutions were offered by Rev James Fletcher which were unanimously adopted by the Town of which the following is an exact copy:

"Whereas a charter of Incorporation has passed the Legislature and been signed by his Excellency Governor Bradstreet incorporating the Acton Memorial Library, and W<sup>m</sup> A. Wilde a native of Acton now resident in Malden Massachusetts has signified his readiness to deed to the Town the Memorial Library Building just completed at his expense and the land on which it stands and all the appurtenances thereof, including the Books already selected, the Memorial room and the Town Vault for the archives of the Town. Resolved 1<sup>st</sup> That the inhabitants of the Town of Acton in town meeting assembled do accept the trust and authorize the Selectmen in behalf of the Town to sign all papers and perform all acts necessary to complete the transfer of the property to the care of the Trustees."

"Resolved 2<sup>d</sup> In passing this vote In behalf of the present inhabitants of the Town In behalf of all future generations who may be resident here

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and participants in the benefits to be enjoyed.  
In behalf of the Soldiers of the War of the Rebellion  
whose memory and valor he has so tenderly  
cherished in the name and arrangements of the  
structure, we wish to express to Mr. Wilde our  
profound appreciation of his generous gift.  
We assure him of our hearty thanks for remembering  
the place of his birth by a monument so enduring and  
so befitting the past history and future needs of the  
Town. We pledge him our cordial coöperation in doing  
what in us lies to perpetuate the intentions and  
possibilities of the trust. We tender to him, his companion  
and his children, our best wishes for their life, health,  
and prosperity. And our prayer that the donation  
in which they each have a personal share and  
honor may contribute to their mutual and lasting  
enjoyment."

"Resolved 3<sup>d</sup> That the Town upon the acceptance of  
the Gift do proceed at once, in accordance  
with the provisions of the Charter, to elect by ballot  
Three trustees as indicated. One for Three years  
One for two years and One for one year."

"Resolved 4<sup>th</sup> That the Selectmen and the whole board  
of trustees be a Committee authorized in  
behalf of the town to make all necessary  
arrangements for the dedication of the Building on  
the 19<sup>th</sup> of April."

Voted to proceed to the choice of Three Trustees  
Chose William D. Tuttle for three years  
Rev James Fletcher for two years  
and Howard B. White for one year.

Art 3 Voted to instruct the Selectmen to employ  
counsel and defend the interests of the Town.

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Art 4<sup>th</sup> Voted to employ counsel and defend the suit,  
also that the selectmen before defending the  
suit first attempt a settlement with Mr  
Witherbee.

Art 5 Voted that the matter be left to the Selectmen  
to repair at their discretion.

Art 6<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Town petition the County Com-  
missioners to relocate further North the Leland  
Stevens road in West Acton between the Turnpike  
and the house of E. C. Parker (Hempden 25 against)

Art 7<sup>th</sup> Voted to accept the provisions of law  
contained in sections one to ten inclusive  
of Chapter 51 of the Public Statutes.

Art 8<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to  
dig a well upon the Townsland in the  
North School District.

Art 9. Voted that the price be fixed at Three dollars  
each.

Art 10<sup>th</sup> Voted to choose a Committee to see about  
purchasing <sup>land</sup> for said Cemetery said Committee  
to report at April meeting and chose the  
Selectmen and the Cemetery Committee as that  
Committee.

Art 12<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Town Treasurer allow interest  
on all such money at the rate of five per cent  
per annum.

Voted that the Warrant be laid over to the  
April meeting next.

Attest Horace F. Tuttle  
Clerk pro tem.



## Warrant for April Meeting 1890

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in said town on Monday the seventh day of April A.D. 1890 at one o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper viz,

Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.  
 Art 2<sup>nd</sup> To fill all vacancies in the list of Town officers and Committees

Art 3 To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of Schools and for School supplies for the present year, and do or act anything thereon.

Art 4 To see what amount of money the Town will raise to repair the roads the present year and do or act anything thereon.

Art 5 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate six hundred dollars to be divided equally between the Center, South, and West Villages to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen in building Cement side walks in said Villages during the months of June or July next and do or act anything thereon.

Art 6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will reshingle the School house at South Acton

Art 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will purchase Camp chairs for the Town Hall.

Art 8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the dedication of the Memorial Hall and

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and Library building or do or act anything thereon  
 Art 9<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of the Memorial Hall and Library or do or act anything thereon.

Art 10 To see if the Town will appropriate One hundred and fifty dollars for the due observance of Memorial day or do or act anything thereon

Art 11<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to have the assessors valuation for the current year printed or do or act anything thereon.

Art 12 To see what amount the Town will raise to defray Town charges the present year and do or act anything thereon.

Art 13 To see if the Town will choose a Superintendent of Burials.

Art 14 To vote by Ballot Yes or No in answer to the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town the present year."

Art 15 To consider and act upon the acceptance of the Jury list as revised by the Selectmen.

Art 16 To see if the Town will accept the Reports of the Selectmen Overseers of the Poor School Committee and other Town Officers.

Art 17<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money for the Town if necessary in anticipation of the taxes for the current year.

Art 18<sup>th</sup> To hear the reports of any Committee chosen to report at this meeting and do or act anything thereon.

Art 19<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will instruct the School Committee to appoint a Superintendent of Schools.



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Art 20 To see if the Town will vote to remove the obstructions from the sidewalk adjoining the Store belonging to Luke Blanchard in West Acton.

Art 21 To see if the Town will vote to widen the road bed eight feet on the Turnpike leading from West Acton to Concord from a point on said road near the Cigar factory of F. R. Simaulton to a bend in said road near the gravel bank of said Simaultons and widen the bridge and silevers six feet the total distance being 1934 feet or taking any action thereon.

Art 22 To see if the Town will pay George W. Pike One hundred and twenty five dollars.

Art 23 To see if the Town will appropriate a suitable amount of money to provide and place a Tablet commemoating the services of the State Davis Guards during the late war on the Monument at Acton Center or in any public building within the Town.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up copies attested by you in the following places One at the Post Office in the Center of the Town. One at the Store of Fitch Jones & McKeate One at the Store of C. W. Mead & Co One at the Negro House and one in each of the Railroad Stations in the Town. seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said meeting. Given under our hands in Acton this the twenty fifth day of March in the year

Warrant for April Meeting 1890 Completed  
One thousand Eight hundred and ninety

Edward B. White } Selectmen of  
William F. Stevens } Acton  
George R. Sieyes }

Constables Return on the above Warrant.  
Acton Mass Mar 29th  
1890.

This is to certify that I have notified the legal voters of the Town of Acton by posting printed copies of this Warrant by one attested at the time and at the several places named in said Warrant as therein directed by you.

Edwin A. Phalen Constable of  
Acton

## Proceedings of April Meeting 1890

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Acton held on Monday the seventh day of April A.D. 1890. at one o'clock in the afternoon in pursuance of a Warrant calling the same, the articles in said Warrant were acted upon in manner as follows, to wit:

- Art 1<sup>st</sup> Chose Luther Conant Ex Moderator  
 Art 2<sup>d</sup> Chose Lewis V. Clough and George A. Conant Constables.

Chose the following persons a Fish Committee  
 Luther Conant F. H. Whitcomb Elsworth Jones  
 Chas. J. Williams John Fletcher and John White

Voted that permits be issued good for the season to all inhabitants of Acton their friends including summer boarders & temporary residents provided such permits shall not conflict with the laws of the Commonwealth.

Voted that speakers be limited to five minutes time, in their remarks on questions before the meeting.

Voted to allow a discount of six per cent on all taxes assessed the present year which are paid in to the Treasurer on or before the sixth day of November next.

Chose Edolie F. Conant Collector he agreeing to collect the taxes post the Town Warrant and pay over the proceeds of all taxes to the Treasurer in accordance with the conditions of his Bond for Seventy dollars. The Town Voted to fix the collectors salary at Seventy dollars.

Chose Edolie F. Conant Constable

Chose Charles Wheeler Nahum Littlefield and Francis Pratt Highway Surveyors.

Chose a Committee to enforce the laws against the sale of Intoxicating Liquors, consisting of the

## Proceedings of April Meeting 1890.

Art 2<sup>d</sup> following persons Luther Conant Adolbert Mead and Charles A. Harrington with the Selectmen Voted to instruct the Committee to offer a reward of Fifty dollars to any person who shall furnish evidence which shall lead to the conviction of any one who violates the laws against the sale of such liquors in this Town for the ensuing year.

Art 3 Voted to raise One thousand dollars for the Highschool. Voted to raise Thirtyfour hundred dollars for the Common Schools and Four hundred and fifty dollars for School Supplies

Art 4 Voted to raise Twentythree hundred dollars to repair the roads the present year.

Art 5 Voted to dismiss the fifth article

Art 6 Voted to refer the 6<sup>th</sup> article to the Selectmen

Art 7 Voted to instruct the Selectmen to purchase One hundred Camp Chairs for the Town

Art 8 Voted to instruct the Committee on the dedication of the new Library to invite the absent sons and daughters of Acton to the Dedication and that the Selectmen be instructed to draw their orders on the Treasurer to pay the expenses of the Dedication.

Art 9 Voted to raise the sum of Four hundred dollars for the maintenance of the Memorial Library the current year. Also voted to instruct the Selectmen to pay for the Insurance that has been effected on the Building and contents.

Art 10 Voted to appropriate One hundred dollars for the observance of Memorial day, to be expended by the Post and on account of the expenditure of the same being rendered to the Selectmen.



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- Art 11<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Assessors be instructed to print the valuation of the real and personal estate the present year and that copies be sent to every taxpayer in town.
- Art 12<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise Four thousand dollars to defray Town charges the present year.
- Art 13 Chose Isaac F. Duran Superintendent of Burials
- Art 14 Voted on the question of license with the following result: Yes 40 Ballots No 106 Ballots
- Art 15 The revised list of Jurors was read to the Town and it was Voted to accept it.
- Art 16 Voted to accept the reports of the Selectmen Overseers of the Poor, School Committee and other Town Officers.
- Art 17 Voted to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money for the use of the Town if necessary.
- Art 18 Heard the report of the Selectmen on the subject of land for the West Acton Cemetery and Voted that if the owners of the land desired will not sell at a reasonable price or will not agree to leave it out to three disinterested persons to fix the price; that the Selectmen be empowered in behalf of the Town to take the land in the manner provided in the Public Statutes of this State
- Art 19 Voted to instruct the School Committee to choose a Superintendent of Schools.
- Art 20 Voted to refer the matter to the Selectmen with instructions to confer with the owner of the Store to see if some arrangement cannot be made to remove the obstructions referred to.
- Art 21 Voted to dismiss the article
- Art 22 Voted in the negative on this article.
- Art 23 Voted to refer the article to the Selectmen

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- Took up the March Meeting Warrant.
- Art 8<sup>th</sup> Voted to reconsider the vote passed at the last meeting (March 3 1890) on this article and Voted to refer the article to the Selectmen with power to act, and to dig the Well where they think best.
- Voted to dissolve the meeting
- Wm D. Tuttle
- Town Clerk



1890.

# Warrant for a Meeting held May 26<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex ss To either Constable of the Town of Acton  
in the County of Middlesex, Greeting,  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
tells you are directed to notify and warn the inhabi-  
tants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in elections  
and Town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in  
said town on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1890  
at 7-30 o'clock in the evening then and there to act  
upon the following articles as they may think proper  
viz.

- Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.  
Art 2<sup>d</sup> To see what action the Town will take upon the  
petition of Enoch Hall and others to the Commissioners  
of Middlesex County for said Commissioners to widen  
straighten and locate ~~around~~ the County road leading  
from West Acton to Stow from near the house of  
Harrison Littlefield to the house of J. C. S. Knappleton  
on said road.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by  
posting up copies attested by you in the following  
places, one at the Post Office in the Center of the Town,  
one at the Store of Tuttle, James & Wetherbee, one at  
the Store of C. E. Mead & Co, one at the Negro House,  
and one in each of the Railroad Stations in the Town  
seven days at least before the time appointed for holding  
said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant  
with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk  
on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands in Acton this the thirtieth  
day of May in the year One thousand Eight hundred  
and Ninety

Howard B. White }  
William F. Stevens } Selectmen of  
George R. Hoopes } Acton

Acton May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1890

This is to certify that I have notified the legal  
votes of the Town of Acton by posting copies of  
this Warrant by me attested at the time and in  
the several places named in said Warrant  
as therein directed by you.

E. F. Conant Constable of  
Town of Acton.

## Proceedings of May Meeting 1890

A legal meeting of the inhabitants of the  
Town of Acton held May twenty-sixth 1890 at  
seven and one half o'clock in the evening  
the articles in the warrant calling said meeting  
were acted upon in manner as follows, to wit.

- Art 1<sup>st</sup> Chose Luther Conant Esq Moderator  
Art 2<sup>d</sup> Voted to choose a Committee of three  
with the Selectmen to oppose the prayer  
of the petitioners in reference to said road  
and chose Henry M. Smith Wm D. Tuttle  
and Daniel J. Wetherbee with the Selectmen  
as that Committee.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

## November Meeting Warrant - 1890

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
 Middlesex vs. To either Constable of the town  
 of Acton. Greeting: You are hereby required  
 in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 to notify the inhabitants of the town of Acton qualified  
 to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in  
 the Town Hall in said Acton on Tuesday the fourth  
 day of November A.D. 1890, at Eleven O'clock in the  
 forenoon then and there to bring in their votes on  
 one ballot for Governor Lieutenant Governor Councilor  
 for the sixth district, Secretary of State Treasurer and  
 Receiver General, Auditor of the Commonwealth  
 Attorney General, Representative to the 52<sup>d</sup> Congress  
 from the Eighth district, Senator for the fifth Middlesex  
 district Representative to the General Court for the  
 Thirtieth Middlesex district, and County Commissioner  
 for Middlesex County, also upon the same ballot to  
 vote Yes or No, upon the following proposed -  
 Amendments to the Constitution of Massachusetts  
 to wit: Amendment to the Constitution to prevent  
 the disfranchisement of voters because of a change of  
 residence within the Commonwealth.

2<sup>d</sup> Amendment to the Constitution relative to Sol-  
 diers and sailors exercising the right of franchise  
 The polls for the election of the above officers and  
 for the votes on the amendments shall be open at  
 Eleven o'clock A.M. and may be closed at four  
 o'clock P.M. Also to act upon the following articles  
 as they may think proper, viz:

Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside in said  
 Meeting.

Art 2<sup>d</sup> To hear the report of the Selectmen in regard  
 to purchasing additional land for Mt Hope  
 Cemetery and do or not anything thereon.

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Art 3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will widen straighten  
 and locate anew or make specific repairs up-  
 on that part of a Town way, extending from a  
 point at the East end of Rice Street South Acton  
 to a point at the corner of land of Henry  
 Henson, or do or not anything thereon.  
 And you are directed to serve this warrant by  
 posting up attested copies of this warrant one  
 at the Post Office in the center of the Town, one  
 at the Store of Tuttle's Jones & Wetherbee, one at  
 the Store of C. W. Mead & Co one at the Magaz-  
 ine and one at each of the Railroad  
 Stations in said Town seven days at least  
 before the time appointed for holding said  
 meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return  
 of this warrant with your doings thereon to the  
 Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for  
 said meeting.

Given under our hands at Acton this the  
 twenty second day of October in the year  
 Eighteen hundred and ninety

Howard B. White } Selectmen of  
 William F. Stevens } Acton  
 George R. Frey }

Endorsement of Constable on the above  
 Warrant This is to certify that I have posted  
 copies of the within warrant at the time  
 and places ordered by the Selectmen.  
 E. F. Conant  
 Constable of Acton.



## Proceedings of November Meeting 1890.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Acton holden on Tuesday the Fourth day of November 1890 at Eleven o'clock A.M. for the Election of Governor Lieutenant Governor and other State, County and District officers named in the Warrant calling said meeting and for the transaction of Town business all the ballots then and there given in were sorted counted and declaration thereof made as by law required and the names and residences of the persons voted for and the officers for which they were candidates and the number of ballots each candidate received, and the number of blank ballots were as follows, to wit:

Before balloting the ballot box was publicly shown to be empty and the register pointed to zero.

When the polls were closed the ballot box register pointed to 944 and the number of names checked on the voting list was 382 and the number of ballots cast was 382. There were no blank ballots. Before the balloting began or any ballots were given out the two ballot clerks

A. S. Wyman Esq and James R. Lawrence were sworn as also the Deputy ballot clerks by the Town Clerk.

### For Governor

|                                     |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| John Blackmer of Springfield had    | 21 votes  |
| John L. A. Brackett of Wilmington " | 190 votes |
| William E. Russell of Cambridge "   | 147 votes |

### For Lieutenant Governor

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| John W. Concoran of Clinton had   | 142 votes |
| William H. Hoyle of Springfield " | 191 votes |
| George Kimpton of Sharon "        | 14 "      |

### For Secretary

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| George D. Crittenenden of Buckland had | 15 votes |
| Elbridge Cushman of Lakeville "        | 144 "    |
| William H. Olin of Boston "            | 176 "    |

continued on next page.

### For Treasurer and Receiver General

|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| William H. Gleason of Boston had | 16 votes  |
| George A. Menden of Lowell "     | 181 "     |
| Edwin L. Munn of Holyoke "       | 135 votes |

### For Auditor

|                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Charles R. Ladd of Springfield had   | 134 votes |
| Augustus R. Smith of Lee "           | 19 "      |
| William D. T. Trefry of Marblehead " | 139 "     |
| J. Henry Gould of Medway "           | 1 vote    |

### For Attorney General

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Malcott Humlin of Amherst had      | 16 votes  |
| Elisha B. Maynard of Springfield " | 135 votes |
| Albert E. Pillsbury of Boston "    | 172 votes |

### For Representative to Congress from the 8th District

|                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| William A. Glidden of Chelmsford had | 16 votes  |
| Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell "   | 181 votes |
| Moses T. Stevens of North Andover "  | 154 votes |

### For Councillor of the Sixth District.

|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| George W. Heywood of Weston had  | 140 votes |
| George Pillsbury of Truistbury " | 18 votes  |
| Byron Truett of Lawrence "       | 169 votes |

### For County Commissioner

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Stephen B. Puffer of Lowell had   | 138 votes |
| J. Henry Reed of Westford "       | 166 votes |
| Rufus H. Underhill of Billerica " | 19 votes  |

### For Senator

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Mark C. Felps of Woburn had | 137 votes |
| Wiram Whitford of Woburn "  | 16 votes  |
| Edwin F. Myer of Woburn "   | 172 votes |

### For Representative to the Gen. Court 30th Dist

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| John E. Bull of Carlisle had | 147 votes |
| Harold E. Howley of Acton "  | 199 votes |
| George W. Holt of Acton "    | 2 votes   |

Constitutional Amendment No 1 yes 115 - No 36  
relative to the franchise of voters by removal from towns & c.

Constitutional Amendment No 2 yes 89 - No 37  
relating to Soldiers & Sailors

# Proceedings of November Meeting 1890 Town Business.

Art 1<sup>st</sup> Chose Luther Conant Esq. Moderator

Art 2<sup>nd</sup> Voted to dismiss the 2<sup>nd</sup> Article

Art 3<sup>rd</sup> Voted to refer the 3<sup>rd</sup> Article to the Selectmen  
with instructions to examine and report at  
the next meeting.

Voted to dismiss the Warrant so far as  
Town Business is concerned.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

attest W<sup>m</sup> D. Tuttle

Town Clerk.

The following is the vote for Representative  
to the General Court in the 30 Middlesex  
District as ascertained by the Town Clerks  
of the several towns composing said district  
at their meeting held at the Town Hall in  
Acton November 14<sup>th</sup> 1890.

|            | John E. Bull | Harmon C. Hensley | George W. Bell | Blanks    |
|------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Acton      | 147          | 199               | 2              | 34        |
| Carlisle   | 38           | 52                |                | 10        |
| Meynwood   | 154          | 209               |                | 29        |
| Buxborough | 32           | 39                |                | 2         |
| How        | 67           | 79                |                | 6         |
| Liddleton  | 99           | 46                |                | 7         |
|            | <u>537</u>   | <u>624</u>        | <u>2</u>       | <u>88</u> |

# Certificate of Account of Votes for Member of Congress.

Acton Mass Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 1890

To William D. Tuttle Esq. Clerk of the Town of  
Acton

We hereby certify that upon the petition of  
of ten qualified voters of the Town of Acton, a  
account was made by us Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 1890 of the votes  
cast in said town for representative to the 30<sup>th</sup>  
Congress from the 3<sup>rd</sup> district. As the result of the  
account we hereby certify that the total number  
of Ballots was Three hundred and Eighty two, that  
Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell had One hundred  
and Eighty one votes Moses T. Stevens of Taunton  
had One hundred and fifty three votes Nathaniel  
A. Glidden of Choburn had fifteen votes There  
were five defective ballots which were not counted  
and there were twenty eight blank ballots. And  
you are requested to alter and amend such of the  
original returns as have been proved by the account  
to have been erroneous.

Harvard B. White

William T. Stevens

George R. Hayes.

} Selectmen of Acton

Copy of Selectmen's Return on the  
account of votes for Congressman for 3<sup>rd</sup> dis.  
attest W<sup>m</sup> D. Tuttle

Town Clerk



## Warrant for March Meeting 1891

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the  
Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex  
Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in said town on Monday the second day of March A.D. 1891. at one o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz.

Art 1 To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Art 3 To see what action the Town will take upon an order from the County Commissioners of Middlesex County directing the Town of Acton to widen the Littleton road at the house of V. B. Mead in West Acton.

Art 4 To see what action the Town will take upon an order from the County Commissioners of Middlesex Co establishing the bounds and directing the Town of Acton to make specific repairs upon the Turnpike road

Art 5 To see if the Town will erect and maintain street lamps or take any action thereon.

Art 6 To see if the Town will purchase additional land for M Hope Cemetery or do or act anything thereon

Art 7 To see if the Town will take any action whereby G. M. Pike can receive a bounty of \$125.00 according to a vote passed at the

## Warrant for March Meeting 1891 continued

November meeting of 1887.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies attested by you in the following places, One at the post office in the center of the town one at the Store of T. M. Jones & Wetherbee One at the Store of E. B. Mead & Co One at the Negro House and one in each of the Railroad Stations in the town seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting Given under our hands in Acton this the eighteenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety one

Howard B. White

Wm F. Stevens } Selectmen  
George K. Hayes } of Acton

South Acton Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 1891

This is to certify that I posted copies of this Warrant at the time and in the places mentioned in this Warrant.

E. F. Conant Constable.

# Proceedings of March Meeting 1891

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in town affairs held at their Town Hall on Monday the 2 day of March A.D. 1891 at one o'clock in the afternoon the articles in the warrant calling said meeting were acted upon in manner as follows, To wit,

Art 1<sup>st</sup> Luther Conant Esq was chosen Moderator  
Edward B White and Wm F Stevens were appointed and sworn as tellers by the Moderator

Art 2<sup>nd</sup> William D Tuttle was chosen Town Clerk.

Howard B White } were chosen  
William F Stevens } Selectmen  
+ George K Hayes }

Voted to choose three Assessors and

Phineas Wetherbee } were chosen  
Chauncey B. Robbins } Assessors  
+ John White }

Elisha B. Cutler } were chosen  
Lyman C Taylor } Overseers of the Poor  
+ Aaron C Windley }

Jonathan K. W. Wetherbee was chosen Treasurer

Uriam J. Hapgood } were chosen  
+ D. James Wetherbee } Auditors

E. M. Deeth James Kingsley + E. A. Phalen  
were chosen Constables

Voted that the Selectmen be requested to appoint  
Isaac F. Warren Superintendent of Burials  
the present year.

Rev James Fletcher and Charles L. Bradford  
were chosen members of the School Committee  
each for the term of three years

Howard B. White was chosen a member of  
the board of Trustees of the Acton Memorial  
Library for three years.

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Chose For Fence Viewers Nathan C. Reed

Oleiver W. Mead and Francis Komer

For Surveyors of Lumber chose

William B. Davis Wm. S. Warren Levi W. Stevens

Jonathan P. Fletcher Edward F. Richardson

Geo. H. Harris Chas. A. Brooks + Herbert T. Clark

For Surveyors of Wood chose

Wm. B. Davis Geo. H. Harris Henry D. Parlin

S. L. Dutton John F. Davis James P. Fletcher

and Herbert T. Clark

Surveyor of Hoops and Staves

chose Augustus Fletcher Alter 3<sup>rd</sup> 1891

For Cemetery Committee, chose

John Fletcher Levi W. Stevens + Horace F. Tuttle

For Fish Committee chose

Luther Conant F. B. Whitecomb Eliathene Jones

Chas. J. Williams John Fletcher and John White.

For Field Drivers chose

Arthur F. Blanchard Gilman B. Parlin

Uriam E. Gates Wm. A. Hayes Wm. B. Kingsley + E. E. Reed

Art 3<sup>rd</sup> Voted to instruct the Selectmen to  
comply with the order

Art 4<sup>th</sup> Voted that the subject be referred to  
the Selectmen with power to act.

Art 5<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Town maintain the street  
lamps already erected in town or that may  
be hereafter erected with the approval of the  
Selectmen and that the Selectmen be  
instructed to ascertain the expense of such  
lighting and report to the Town at the  
April meeting.

Art 6<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Selectmen with the Cemetery  
Committee be instructed to offer



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## Proceedings of March Meeting 1891

Art 6<sup>th</sup> Mr Hayward \$125.<sup>00</sup> per acre for four acres of his land lying south of W. Hooper Cemetery and not including any of the land on the side where the right of way exists - the Selectmen and Committee to fix the bounds of the lot.

Art 7<sup>th</sup> Voted to instruct the Selectmen to draw an order on the Treasurer and pay Mr Pike \$125.<sup>00</sup>

Voted that this meeting stand adjourned to the first Monday in April next at one o'clock in the afternoon.

William D. Tuttle

Town Clerk.

All the officers above named whose names are under lined were sworn W. D. Tuttle

April Meeting Warrant for 1891  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in said town on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1891 at one o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper viz,

- Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- " 2<sup>d</sup> To fill all vacancies in the list of Town officers and Committees
- " 3<sup>rd</sup> To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of Schools and for school supplies for the present year or act anything thereon.
- " 4<sup>th</sup> To see what amount of money the Town will raise to repair the roads the present year or act anything thereon.
- " 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will make any alterations in the road leading from the house of Herman A. Gould to South Acton near the Puffer Place so called or act anything thereon.
- " 6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will lay a new floor in the Town Hall, or act anything thereon
- " 7<sup>th</sup> To see what action the Town will take in relation to the petition of J. D. Coburn and others to the County Commissioners for the relocation of the Littleton road leading from the union turnpike so called to the house of Samuel R. Burroughs.

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- Art 8 To see what action the Town will take in relation to the pay of road men the present year
- " 9<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to locate the High School at South Helen for the ensuing year or act anything thereon.
- " 10<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will furnish transportation for the pupils of the High School.
- " 11<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to put a system of ventilation into some one of its School houses, or act anything thereon.
- " 12 To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One hundred & twenty five dollars for the observance of memorial day or act anything thereon.
- " 13 To see what amount the Town will raise to defray town charges the present year, or act anything thereon.
- " 14<sup>th</sup> To vote by Ballot Yes or No in answer to the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town for the present year?"
- " 15<sup>th</sup> To consider and act upon the acceptance of the Jury list as revised by the Selectmen.
- " 16<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will accept the Reports of the Selectmen Overseers of the Poor School Committee and other Town Officers
- " 17 To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money for the Town if necessary in anticipation of the taxes for the current year.
- " 18 To hear the reports of any Committee chosen to report at this meeting or act anything thereon.

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- Art 19<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will instruct the School Committee to appoint a Superintendent of Schools.
- " 20<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will appropriate One thousand dollars for special highway work in South Helen and at the Powder Mills or act anything thereon.
- " 21<sup>st</sup> To see if the Town will vote to make special repairs on the road leading from the Charles Tuttle place to the Litchfield line and make a special appropriation for the same or act anything thereon.
- " 22 To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Six hundred dollars for the care and maintenance of Street Lamps for the ensuing year or act anything thereon.
- " 23 To see if the Town will make special repairs on the Great road so called from near the residence of Otis W. Forbush to near the residence of D. J. Wetherbee and appropriate two hundred dollars therefor.
- " 24<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will accept of the act of the Legislature relating to the employment of a Union School Superintendent.
- " 25<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will raise a sum of money for the maintenance of Memorial Library
- And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up copies attested by you in the following places One at the Post Office in the center of the Town One at the Store of Tuttle Jones & Wetherbee One at the Store of C. W. Mead & Co One at the Mayor's house, and one in each of the Railroad stations in the Town seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.



Hereof fail not and make due return of this  
warrant with your doings thereon to the  
Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time  
of holding said meeting

Given under our hands in Acton this the  
twenty sixth day of March in the year One  
thousand Eight hundred and ninety one

William F. Stevens }  
George K. Hayes } Selectmen  
Howard B. White } of Acton

Endorsement of Constable

South Acton April 1<sup>st</sup> 1891

This is to certify that copies of this Warrant  
have been posted as stated in the within  
Warrant

E. F. Conant

Constable of Acton.

## Proceedings of April Meeting 1891.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of  
the Town of Acton held on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>  
day of April A.D. 1891 at one o'clock in  
the afternoon at the Town Hall the articles  
in the Warrant calling said meeting were  
acted upon in manner as follows, to wit:  
Art 1<sup>st</sup> Luther Conant Esq was chosen Moderator  
" 2<sup>nd</sup> Wm F. Stevens and George K. Hayes were  
appointed tellers and sworn by moderator  
" 3<sup>rd</sup> Gustavus V. Baven was chosen one of  
the Selectmen and was sworn.

Lucius A. Bessett was chosen as  
Trustee of the Memorial Library for 3 years  
Voted that no person be allowed to speak  
upon any one article, at this meeting, more  
than twice, nor more than five minutes at  
any one time.

Art 3<sup>rd</sup> Voted to raise Forty four hundred dollars  
for the support of Schools the present year  
\$1000 for the High School and the remainder  
for the Common Schools

Voted to raise the sum of Four hundred  
and fifty dollars for School supplies the  
present year.

Art 4<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise Twenty three hundred  
dollars for the repair of roads the present  
year.

Art 5<sup>th</sup> Voted to refer the 5<sup>th</sup> article to the Selectmen  
with power to act.

Art 6<sup>th</sup> Voted to instruct the Selectmen to cause  
a Birch floor to be laid in the Town Hall  
on or before December 1<sup>st</sup> 1891

Art 7<sup>th</sup> Voted to choose three persons to act with the  
Selectmen as a committee to represent the  
Town at the hearing before the County

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- Act 7<sup>th</sup> Commissioners when they came on to view said road & chose Luther Conant & H. M. Smith as that Committee.
- Act 8<sup>th</sup> Voted that the article be referred to the Superintendent of Streets & the Selectmen to fix the rate of wages of those who work upon the roads.
- Act 9 Voted to pass over the 9<sup>th</sup> article.
- Act 10<sup>th</sup> Voted to pass over the 10<sup>th</sup> article.
- Act 11<sup>th</sup> Voted to refer the subject to the School Committee to do what in their judgment is for the interest of the Town.
- Act 12<sup>th</sup> Voted to appropriate the sum of One hundred dollars for the observance of Memorial Day.
- Act 13 Voted to raise Sixty five hundred dollars to defray Town charges the present year.
- Act 14 The vote on the question of license stood as follows Yes ballots 20. No ballots 118.
- Act 15<sup>th</sup> Voted to accept the Jury List as revised by the Selectmen.
- Act 16 Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen the report of the Overseers of the Poor, and the report of the School Committee.
- Act 17<sup>th</sup> Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Town if necessary with the approval of the Selectmen.
- Act 18 No report was made and no action taken on this article.
- Act 19 Voted to instruct the School Committee to appoint a Superintendent of Schools.
- Act 20 Voted to appropriate Eight hundred dollars for the special repair of the roads from South Acton to West Acton South Acton to the Powder Mills and to Wayward and other roads in the South part of the Town.

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- Act 21 Voted to appropriate Three hundred dollars for the object named in the article.
- Act 22<sup>nd</sup> Voted to dismiss the 22<sup>nd</sup> article.
- Act 23<sup>rd</sup> Voted to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to put the road named in the 23<sup>rd</sup> article in good repair & appropriated Two hundred dollars therefor.
- Act 24<sup>th</sup> Voted to choose a Committee of three to investigate the matter and see what can be effected with a view to uniting with other towns in forming a Union district under one Superintendent, & chose Luther Conant F. C. Nash & H. M. Smith as that Committee.
- Voted to accept the Act of the Legislature referred to in the article 24.
- Act 25 Voted to appropriate Four hundred dollars for the running expenses of the Library and One hundred dollars for the purchase of books.
- Act 4 Voted to appropriate the sum of Twenty five hundred dollars to meet the demands of the County Commissioners in the repair of roads ordered by them to be repaired.
- Voted to take up the 2<sup>nd</sup> article of the March Meeting Warrant. and
- Voted to choose a committee consisting of Luther Conant Holbert Mead and Charles A. Harrington to act with the Selectmen in the enforcement of the laws against the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town the present year.
- Voted that the Committee be authorized to offer a reward of fifty dollars to any person who shall furnish evidence that shall lead to the conviction of any one violating said laws.



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Mar Warrant

Art 2<sup>d</sup> Voted to allow a discount of five per centum on all taxes assessed the current year and paid in to the collector on or before November next.

John E. Cutter was chosen Collector, he agreeing to collect the Taxes and pay them over to the Town Treasurer in accordance with his Bond and the warrant of the Assessors, post the town warrants and perform all the duties of the collector as heretofore done at a salary of \$97.50 which salary was accordingly voted by the Town.

Art 7<sup>th</sup> Mar. warrant. Voted to reconsider the vote passed on this article at last March meeting.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

# November Meeting Warrant for 1891

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss. To either Constable of the Town of Acton in said County, Greeting,

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Acton on Tuesday the third day of November A.D. 1891 at eleven o'clock A.M. Then and there to bring in their votes upon one ballot for Governor Lieutenant Governor Councillor for the sixth district, Secretary of State, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of the Commonwealth, Attorney General, Senator for the fifth Middlesex district Representative to the General Court for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Middlesex district, County Treasurer for Middlesex County, Clerk of Courts for Middlesex County, Commissioners for Middlesex County, and Register of Deeds for Middlesex County, also upon the same ballot to vote yes or no upon the following proposed amendments to the Constitution of Massachusetts, Amendment to the Constitution "making a majority of members a quorum in each branch of the General Court." Amendment to the Constitution relative to the qualification of voters for Governor Lieutenant Governor, Senators, and Representatives. The Polls for the election of the above officers and for the votes on the amendments shall be open at eleven o'clock A.M. and may be closed at four o'clock P.M. Also to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz,

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- Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside in said <sup>meeting</sup> ~~meeting~~
- Art 2<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chap 431 of the acts of 1888, relating to the employment of a Superintendent of Schools and appropriate money therefor.
- Art 3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will instruct the Cemetery Committee to lay out and have plans made of the additional land purchased for the extension of M Hope Cemetery or act anything thereon.
- Art 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will furnish Johnson Force Pumps to the inhabitants of Acton at the same price as furnished in the past or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at the Post Office in the center of the Town one at the Store of Tuttle Jones and Wetherbee one at the Store of E. H. Mead one at the Negro House and one at each of the Railroad Stations in said Town seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for said meeting. Given under our hands at Acton the twenty second day of October in the year Eighteen hundred and ninety one.

William F. Stevens

George R. Hayes

Gustavus W. Bowen

Selectmen  
of Acton

This certifies that I have notified the legal voters of the Town of Acton by posting printed copies of this Warrant by me attested at the time and in the several places as therein directed by you John E. Cutler Constable of Acton  
Acton Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1891

## Proceedings of November Meeting 1891

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Acton held on Tuesday November third, 1891 at eleven o'clock A.M. for the election of Governor Lieutenant Governor and other State County and District officers as fully set forth in the Warrant calling said meeting and to vote on two Constitutional Amendments submitted to the people at this election, and for the transaction of Town business; all the ballots then and there given in were sorted counted and declaration thereof made as by law required and the names and residence of the persons voted for, and the offices for which they were candidates, and the number of votes each candidate received and the number of blank ballots were as follows.

Before the balloting commenced the ballot box was publicly shown to be empty and the register pointed to zero. When the Polls were closed the said register indicated that Three hundred and ninety six Ballots had been cast. The number of names checked on the voting list was 396 and the number cast by actual count was 396.

## For Governor

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Charles W. Allen of Lowell had    | 207 votes |
| Charles E. Kimball of Lynn "      | 17 "      |
| Barry W. Robinson of Boston "     | 2 "       |
| William E. Russell of Cambridge " | 153 "     |
| Blank ballots                     | 17        |

## For Lieutenant Governor

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| John W. Corcoran of Clinton had   | 134 votes |
| William C. Baile of Springfield " | 207 "     |
| Augustus R. Smith of Lee "        | 17 "      |
| Blank ballots                     | 38        |



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For Secretary

Joseph D. Cudde of Westfield had 3 votes  
 Elbridge Cushman of Lakeville " 134 "  
 William M. Olin of Boston " 144 "  
 Alfred W. Richardson of Springfield " 16  
 Edward W. Thierest of Holyoke " 1  
 Blank ballots 48.

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

James S. Ginnell of Greenfield had 141 votes  
 George A. Marden of Lowell " 144 "  
 Samuel B. Linspleigh of Boston " 13 "  
 Blank ballots 48

For Auditor

William C. Armstrong of Boston had 16 votes  
 John W. Kimball of Fitchburg " 193 "  
 Squire E. Putney of Somerville " 1 "  
 William D. T. Trefry of Marblehead " 135 "  
 Blank ballots 57 "

For Attorney General.

Walter Hamlin of Amherst had 16 votes  
 Herbert M. Intosh of Worcester " 1 "  
 Albert E. Pillsbury of Boston " 187 "  
 George M. Stearns of Chicopee " 134 "  
 James Walcott of Boston " 1 "  
 Blank ballots 57 "

For Councillor Sixth district.

William Boleas Casas of Malden had 136 votes  
 Charles F. Loring of Malden " 192 "  
 George Pillsbury of Falmouth " 15 "  
 Blank ballots " 53 "

For County Commissioners

Stephen B. Puffer of Lowell had 136 votes  
 William B. Savage of Somerville " 20 "  
 Samuel C. Vephaw of Waltham " 181 "  
 Blank ballots 59.

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For Clerk of Courts

Theodore C. Hurd of Winchester had 173 votes  
 Blank ballots 223.

For County Treasurer.

Joseph G. Ball of Cambridge had 15 votes  
 Joseph C. Hayden of Somerville " 190 "  
 Alfred D. Hoitt of Arlington " 134 "  
 Blank ballots 57 "

For Register of Deeds, South District

Charles B. Stevens of Cambridge 205 votes  
 Blank ballots 191

For Senators from the 5<sup>th</sup> Middlesex Dist

James L. Harriman of Hudson had 133 votes  
 William Whitford of Woburn " 20 "  
 Edwin F. Myer of Woburn " 183 "  
 Blank ballots 60

For Representative to General Court  
from 30<sup>th</sup> Middlesex Dist

Aaron C. Hensley of Acton had 164 votes  
 N. Emery Whitcomb of Roxbury " 188 "  
 Blank ballots 44

Amendment to the Constitution relative to  
making a majority of members aguerum  
in each branch of the legislature

Yes 139 No 34 Blank ballots 223

Amendment to the Constitution relative to  
the qualification of voters

Yes 117 No 77 Blank ballots 202

At 2<sup>nd</sup> 45<sup>th</sup> P.M. It was voted to proceed to the  
consideration of Town business

Art 1 Luther Conant Esq was chosen Moderator

Art 2 Heard the report of the Committee and

Voted to adopt the act of 1888 Chapter 431 and  
also voted that the same Committee continue  
their investigation of the subject and report at  
the next March Meeting.

## Proceedings of November Meeting 1891

Art 3<sup>d</sup> Voted that the Cemetery Committee be instructed to go on and make plans for the laying out of the new part of the cemetery lately purchased of the Hayward heirs and present them to the town at the next April meeting.

Art 4<sup>th</sup> Voted to instruct the Selectmen to provide a sufficient number of the Johnson Force Pump to supply all the inhabitants of the Town who desire them at one half the actual cost, on the conditions that those taking them shall bring them out for use at all fires in their vicinity where they may be wanted, no person having the right to purchase more than two pumps on these terms.

At 4<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> P.M. It was voted to close the Polls

William D. Tuttle  
Town Clerk.

The following is the vote for Representation in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Middlesex Representative District as found at the meeting of the Town Clerks of the district at their meeting held Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 1891

Horace W. Hambley St. Emery Whitcomb Blank ballots  
of Acton of Buxborough

|            |     |               |           |
|------------|-----|---------------|-----------|
| Acton      | 164 | 188           | 44        |
| Littletown | 47  | 111           | no return |
| Stow       | 74  | 71            | no return |
| Maryland   | 140 | 227           | no return |
| Carlisle   | 19  | 51            | no return |
| Buxborough | 27  | 44            | no return |
|            | 471 | 692           |           |
|            |     | 471           |           |
|            |     | 221 plurality |           |

Wm D Tuttle  
Town Clerk

## March Meeting Warrant for 1892

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex. Greeting: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton, qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the seventh day of March A.D. 1892 at one o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz,

Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2<sup>d</sup> To choose all necessary Town Officers

Art 3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will provide two voting precincts one in South Acton and one in West Acton under the Statute act of 1886 Chap 264 or not anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies attested by you in the following places; one at the Post Office in the center of the Town; one at the Store of Tuttle Jones & Wetherbee; one at the Store of Charles W. Mead & Co; one at the Mayor's House; and one in each of the Railroad Stations in the Town seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time of holding said meeting Given under our hands in Acton this the twenty fourth day of February in the year One thousand Eight hundred and ninety two.

Wm F. Stevens George R. Hayes Justices of the Peace  
Selectmen of Acton.



Endorsement of Constable on March  
Warrant for 1892

This certifies that I have notified the legal  
votes of the Town of Acton to meet in their  
Town Hall on Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1892 at  
one o'clock in the afternoon by posting  
printed copies of this Warrant by me attested  
at the time and in the several places as  
therein directed by you.

Acton March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1892 John E. Cutler  
Constable of Acton

# Proceedings of March Meeting 1892

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the  
Town of Acton held March 7<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1892 at one  
o'clock in the afternoon in pursuance of a  
Warrant calling the same, the articles in said  
Warrant were acted upon in manner as follows  
namely:

Art 1<sup>st</sup> Dutton Conant Esq was chosen Moderator

Art 2<sup>nd</sup> The following Town Officers were chosen

William R Tuttle Town Clerk.

W<sup>m</sup> F. Stevens George R. Hayes } Selectmen  
and Gustavus Bowen

Phineas Wetherbee Chauncey B Robbins

and John White Assessors.

Ignace C. Taylor } overseers of the  
James B Tuttle } Poor  
+ Asen C. Piper

Voted to excuse Asen C. Piper from serving as  
overseer of the Poor and voted to put over till  
choice of a person to fill the vacancy to April  
meeting

Jonathan S. W. Wetherbee Town Treasurer

Daniel J. Wetherbee and William W. Hoppes  
were chosen Auditors

Chose Dr Isaac H. Curtis + William S. Jones  
members of the School Committee each for  
three years.

Voted to put over the choice of Constables to April  
meeting

Chose Rev James Fletcher a trustee of the Memorial  
Library for three years.

Voted to reconsider the vote just passed in relation  
to the choice of Constables and Chose

James Hinsley } Constables.  
Louise E. Reed }  
+ Edwin A. Phalen

# Proceedings of March Meeting 1892

For Fence Viewers chose

Nathan C. Reed Arthur F. Blanchard and  
Warren F. Tuttle.

Surveyors of Lumber

William S. Warren Levi W. Stevens

Jona P. Fletcher Edward F. Richardson

George W. Harris Herbert I. Clark

Charles A. Brooks.

Surveyors of Wood.

George W. Harris Henry D. Parlin

John F. Davis Jona P. Fletcher

Herbert I. Clark James E. Billings & Ed F. Richardson

Surveyors of Hoops & Staves

Augustus Fletcher.

For Cemetery Committee

Chose John Fletcher Levi W. Stevens Warren F. Tuttle

For Fish Committee

Luther Conant, Frank W. Whitcomb, Elvahon Jones

Charles J. Williams John Fletcher & John White.

Fidel Drivers

Elbridge L. Wheeler John Redfearn, A. W. Gilmore

Chose Luther Conant Holm Albert Mead & Charles A.

Warrington with the Selectmen & Committee  
to enforce the laws against the sale of intoxicating  
liquors <sup>in the town</sup> the current official year with  
instructions to offer a reward of fifty dollars  
to any person furnishing information to them  
which shall lead to the conviction of any person  
violating said laws.

Art 3<sup>d</sup> Voted to pass over without action, the  
third article.

Voted that the Town oppose the annexation of  
the City of Cambridge to the City of Boston & chose the  
Selectmen with Luther Conant & Co to go before the  
Legislative Committee at the hearing March 16<sup>th</sup> inst. and

oppose any such action.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first  
Monday in April at one o'clock in the afternoon

William D. Tuttle

Town Clerk



# April Meeting Warrant for 1892.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in the elections and town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in said town on Monday the Fourth day of April A.D. 1892, at one o'clock in the afternoon, there and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz,

Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

" 2<sup>d</sup> To fill all vacancies in the list of Town officers and Committees

" 3<sup>d</sup> To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of schools and for school supplies for the present year, or act anything thereon

" 4<sup>th</sup> To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the repairing of the roads and bridges the present year or act anything thereon.

" 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One hundred and twenty five dollars for the due observance of Memorial Day, or act anything thereon.

" 6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will accept of the provisions of sec 72 Chap 423 Election act of 1890 to divide the Town into convenient voting precincts for the holding of all meetings for the choice of officers elective by the people except Town officers or take any action thereon.

" 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will elect that hereafter all of the Town officers shall be voted for upon one ballot or act anything thereon.

Art 8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will accept sections 24 to 28 both inclusive of Chap 27 of the Public Statutes and any amendments thereto providing for the election of members of the Board of Selectmen and Assessors for the term of three years or act anything thereon.

" 9<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will accept the jury list as revised by the Selectmen.

" 10<sup>th</sup> To vote by ballot Yes or No in answer to the question Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town for the present year

" 11<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Selectmen Overseers of the Poor School Committee and other town officers.

" 12<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money for the Town if necessary, in anticipation of the taxes for the current year.

" 13<sup>th</sup> To see what action the Town will take in relation to lighting its streets the ensuing year

" 14<sup>th</sup> To hear the report of any committee chosen to report at this meeting or act anything thereon

" 15<sup>th</sup> To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the support of Memorial Library for the ensuing year or act anything thereon.

" 16<sup>th</sup> To see what amount the Town will raise to defray town charges the present year or act anything thereon.

" 17<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will authorize the Overseers of the Poor to dig a new well, erect Wind-Mill and make special repairs on Town farm buildings the present year appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

" 18<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will shingle the West School House or act anything thereon.

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Art 1<sup>st</sup> To see if the Town will make certain repairs upon the Great road so called between the residence of Dem. H. Farrar and the Concord line or do or not - anything thereon.

" 20<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will instruct the School Committee to appoint a Superintendent of Schools

" 21<sup>st</sup> To see what action <sup>the Town</sup> will take in relation to the preservation and protection of shade and ornamental trees or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up copies attested by you in the following places. One at the Post Office in the center of the Town. One at the Store of Tuttle, Jones and Withaker, One at the Store of C. H. Mead & Co. One at the Stage House and one at each of the Railroad Stations in town seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time of holding said meeting. Given under our hands in Acton this <sup>(Twenty third)</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March in the year One thousand Eight hundred and ninety two

Wm. F. Stevens

George R. Hayes

Justus V. Bowen

Selectmen

Acton

This certifies that I have notified the legal voters of the town of Acton to meet at their Town Hall on Monday April 4<sup>th</sup> 1892 at one o'clock in the afternoon by posting printed copies of this Warrant by me attested at the time and in the several places as therein directed by you. March 26<sup>th</sup> 1892 John E. Cutter Constable, Acton.

## Proceedings of April Meeting 1892.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Acton held on Monday the fourth day of April at one o'clock in the afternoon in pursuance of a Warrant calling the same the articles in said Warrant were voted upon in manner as follows, to wit:

Art 1<sup>st</sup> Chose Luther Conant Esq. Moderator

" 2<sup>nd</sup> Voted to choose a Constable from South Acton. The Selectmen were appointed tellers by the Moderator & sworn Chose Fred W. Reed Constable.

Chose Edwin C. Parker an Overseer of the Poor Voted to allow a discount of six per cent on all taxes assessed the present year and paid in to the Collector on or before November meeting next. Voted to fix the salary of the collector at Eighty dollars the collector to post the Town Warrants and perform all the duties of a collector of taxes in the usual manner. Chose John E. Cutter Collector at the salary above named.

Chose John E. Cutter Constable

Chose John Fletcher Samuel A. Gifford and James A. Bessolton Foresters to have the care and oversight of the Shade & ornamental trees in town.

Art 3<sup>rd</sup> Voted to raise the sum of Thirtyfour hundred dollars for the support of the Primary and Grammar Schools the present year.

Voted to raise the sum of One thousand dollars for the support of the High School and Four hundred & fifty dollars for School Supplies the present year.

I heard the report of the Committee on the subject of a Union School District.



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Art 3<sup>rd</sup> Voted that the Committee be instructed to proceed in their efforts to form a Union School District with other towns to report at a future meeting.

Chose a committee consisting of the School Committee Henry M. Smith and Edward F. Richardson to consider the subject of the consolidation of the Schools transportation of scholars and <sup>other</sup> changes in the High and Grammar Schools as may suggest themselves to the Committee said Committee to report to the Town at the first Town meeting that may be called.

Art 4<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise the sum of Twenty three hundred dollars for the repair of roads and Bridges the present year. The same to include all repairs made on the roads.

Art 5<sup>th</sup> Voted to appropriate fifty dollars for the observance of Memorial Day.

Art 6<sup>th</sup> Voted to accept the provisions of Section 72 Chapter 423 Election act of 1890.

" 7<sup>th</sup> Voted that hereafter all the Town Officers shall be voted for on one ballot.

" 8<sup>th</sup> Voted to accept sections 64 to 68 inclusive of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes and any amendments thereto.

" 9<sup>th</sup> Voted to accept the Jury list as presented by the Selectmen.

" 10 Voted on the Question of Licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors the present year with the following result.  
Yes 13 No 123.

Art 11<sup>th</sup> Voted to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, and other Town officers.

Art 12<sup>th</sup> Voted to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money for the use of the Town if necessary.

Art 13<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Town pay a sum not exceeding \$2, per <sup>500 sq ft</sup> light for each light already established or that may be established with the approval of the Selectmen, to the extent of Two hundred dollars and pro rata for the whole number should they call for more than \$200.

" 14<sup>th</sup> Heard & accepted the report of Committee on forming a Union School District, further action taken under Art 3<sup>rd</sup>.

" 15<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise Four hundred dollars for the current yearly expenses of Memorial Library and One hundred and fifty dollars for the purchase of new books & Magazines. Voted that after Magazines have been in the reading room one month that they be Catalogued <sup>Library</sup> & circulated as other books only that they be loaned for one week only.

" 16<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise the sum of Sixty five hundred dollars to defray Town charges the present <sup>year</sup>.

" 17 Voted to leave the matter of repairs on the Town House to the discretion of the Overseers.

" 18<sup>th</sup> Voted to refer the matter to the School Committee to act thereon at their discretion.

" 19 Voted to pass over without action.

" 20 No action was taken on this article.

" 21 Voted to accept Chapter 54 of the Public Statutes with any <sup>and</sup> amendments thereto for the protection of shade trees. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

William D. Tuttle Clerk

Warrant for a special Town Meeting held  
in the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1892.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Acton in  
the County of Middlesex Greeting. In the name of  
the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are  
directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the  
Town of Acton qualified to vote in the elections and  
in town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall  
in said town on Wednesday the Eighteenth day of  
May A.D. 1892 at seven o'clock in the afternoon  
then and there to act upon the following articles  
as they may think proper, viz,

Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a moderator to preside in  
said meeting

Art 2<sup>d</sup> To hear and act upon the report relative to  
dividing the Town into Voting precincts  
as defined by the Selectmen.

Art 3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will permit the Citizens of  
West Acton to improve and beautify the grounds  
in Mount Hope Cemetery without expense to  
the Town under the direction of the Cemetery  
Committee and a Committee of three to be  
chosen by the Town at this meeting to take  
charge of the work and pass any vote or  
votes in relation to the same.

Art 4 To see if the Town will unite with the Towns  
of Sturbridge and West Brookfield to employ  
a Superintendent of Schools under the provisions  
of Chapter 431 of the Acts of 1888. and  
appropriate money therefor.

Art 5 To hear the report of the Special Committee  
chosen by the Town on changes in the Schools  
make appropriations therefor or act anything  
thereon.

Art 6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will erect five close  
horse sheds for the accommodation of Town  
officers and Committees and also furnish  
suitable and convenient places for fire ladders  
or act anything thereon.

Art 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will rescind the vote  
passed at April meeting in relation to  
Voting precincts.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant  
by posting up copies attested by you, in the  
following places. One at the Post Office in the  
center of the Town One at the store of Tuttle  
Jones & Wetherbee. One at the store of C. B. Mead  
& Co. One at Nagog House. and one at each  
of the railroad stations in the Town, seven  
days at least before the time appointed for holding  
said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due  
return of this Warrant with your doing thereon  
to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the  
time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands in Acton this sixth  
day of May in the year One thousand Eight hundred  
and ninety two.

Wm. F. Stevens } Selectmen  
George R. Hayes }  
Gustavus C. Bacon } of  
Acton

This certifies that I have notified the legal  
votes of the Town of Acton to meet at their  
Town Hall on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May  
at seven o'clock in the afternoon by posting  
printed copies of this Warrant by me attested  
at the time and in the several places as  
therein directed by you.

Acton May 12<sup>th</sup> 1892 John E. Cutler  
Constable of Acton.



# Proceedings of Special Meeting held May 18<sup>th</sup> 1892.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Acton held on the eighteenth day of May at seven o'clock in the afternoon in pursuance of a Warrant calling the same, the articles in said Warrant were acted upon in manner as follows

Art 1<sup>st</sup> Chas Luther Conant Esq Moderator

Art 2<sup>nd</sup> Heard the report of the Selectmen in reference to dividing the Town into three voting precincts The Selectmen were appointed tellers by the Moderator & sworn The town voted to accept and adopt the report of the Selectmen, and to accept their doings in dividing the town into three voting precincts

Art 3<sup>rd</sup> Voted that the Cemetery Committee with the addition of W<sup>m</sup> F. Stevens E. J. Chapgood Adolbert Mead, Gustavus V Boven Isaiah Hutchinson Lorenzo W. Holt & T. F. Newton be a committee to improve and beautify the grounds of Mt Hope Cemetery without expense to the town

Voted that a part of the grounds in Mount Hope Cemetery be set apart by the Cemetery Committee as a play ground for the young people of the Town.

Art 4<sup>th</sup> Heard the report of the Committee on effecting a union with other towns to form a Union School District.

Voted to invite D. G. Walton Dist Superintendent, who was present, to address the meeting on the subject.

Art 4<sup>th</sup> Voted that Acton unite with the towns of Sturbridge and West Brookfield to form to form a Union School District.  
Voted to appropriate such a sum as may be necessary, not exceeding \$300, to carry into effect the union with those towns.

Art 5<sup>th</sup> Voted to accept the report of the Committee  
Voted to pass over the article.

Art 6<sup>th</sup> Voted to pass over the article

Art 7<sup>th</sup> Voted not to rescind the vote of the last meeting in reference to forming three voting precincts.

William L. Tittle

Town Clerk.

# November Meeting Warrant 1892

## First Precincts

### Town of Acton

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in said County, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify the legal voters of Precinct One of said Town of Acton to meet at the Polling Place Town Hall Acton in Tuesday the Eighth day of November 1892 at Eleven o'clock A.M. then and there to bring in their votes upon one ballot for Thirteen Presidential Electors and two at large Representative in Congress for Fourth Congressional District, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of the Commonwealth, Attorney General, Councilor for Sixth Councilor District, Senator for Fifth Middlesex District, County Commissioner Two Special Commissioners, County Treasurer, Sheriff, Register of Probate and Insolvency One Representative in General Court for Thirtieth Middlesex District, District Attorney, Three Commissioners of Insolvency for County of Middlesex. Also upon the same ballot to vote Yes or No upon the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Massachusetts.

Article of Amendment to the Constitution abolishing the property qualification for the office of Governor. "So much of Article two of Section one of part the second of the Constitution of the Commonwealth as is contained in the following words "and unless he shall at the same time be seized in his own right of a freehold within the Commonwealth of the value of One thousand pounds" is hereby annulled. The Polls for the election of the above officers and the vote on the amendment shall be open at Eleven o'clock A.M. and may be closed at Three

o'clock P.M. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof One at the Post Office in the Center of the Town One at the Mayor's house and one at each of the Railroad stations in said Precinct seven days <sup>at least</sup> before the time appointed for holding said meeting. Keep fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doing thereon at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands At Acton this twenty <sup>28th</sup> day of October in the year Eighteen hundred and ninety two

William F. Stevens } Solomon  
George R. Tieser } p  
Gustavus W. Bowen } Acton

This certifies that I have notified the voters of precinct one Town of Acton to meet at their Town Hall at the center of the Town on Tuesday November eighth at Eleven o'clock A.M. by posting printed copies of this Warrant by me attested at the time and in the several places as therein directed by you.

John E. Cutler  
Constable of Acton

Acton Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1892.



Warrant for November Meeting 1892  
posted in Second precinct

"Tun of Acton

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in said County, Greeting,  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify the legal voters of Precinct Two of said town of Acton to meet at the polling place, School House (Chapel room) South Acton on Tuesday the Eighth day of November 1892 at Eleven o'clock A.M. then and there to bring in their votes upon one ballot for x x x x  
(as the same as in the warrant for precinct one)

(except the places of posting the warrants which were as follows) "And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof One at the Store of Fittes Jones & Matherbee One at the Post office and one at the Railroad Station in said precinct"

William F. Stevens } Selectman  
George R. Hayes }  
Gustavus W. Bacon } Acton

This certifies that I have notified the legal voters of precinct two Town of Acton to meet at the School House, Chapel room, South Acton on Tuesday the eighth day of November at Eleven o'clock A.M. by posting printed copies of this Warrant by me attested at the time and in the several places as therein directed by you.

John E. Cutter Constable  
of Acton  
Acton Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1892.

Warrant for November Meeting 1892  
posted in Third precinct.

"Tun of Acton

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in said County, Greeting,  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify the legal voters of precinct Three of said town of Acton to meet at the polling place Grand Army Hall, West Acton, on Tuesday the Eighth day of November 1892 at Eleven o'clock A.M. then and there to bring in their votes on one ballot for x x x x x x x x x x

(the same as in the warrant for precinct one except the places for posting the warrants which were as follows.)

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof One at the Store of C. H. Wood & Co One at the Railroad Station and one in the Post office in said precinct

William F. Stevens } Selectman  
George R. Hayes }  
Gustavus W. Bacon } Acton

This certifies that I have notified the legal voters of precinct Three Town of Acton to meet at Grand Army Hall West Acton on Tuesday Nov 8<sup>th</sup> at Eleven o'clock A.M. by posting printed copies of this Warrant by me attested, at the time and in the several places as therein directed by you.

Acton Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1892 John E. Cutter Constable  
of Acton





Votes cast at the November Election 1892  
by the legal votes of the Town of Acton in  
their several precincts numbered 1-2+3.

Electors of President + Vice President (Republican)

At large Nathaniel P. Banks of Waltham

" " John D. Long of Wingham

Dist 1 Joseph Griswold of Greenfield

2 George W. Johnson of Brookfield

3 Edward B. Glasgow of Worcester

4 Henry A. Goodrich of Fitchburg

5 Peter D. Smith of Andover

6 Frank Cousins of Salem

7 George W. Walter of Malden

8 Edward Glines of Somerville

9 Jonathan A. Lane of Boston

10 John Shaw of Quincy

11 John R. Bullard of Dedham

12 Benjamin S. Lovell of Weymouth

13 John Simpkins of Germantown.

Electors of President + Peoples Party

At large Edward Bellamy of Chicopee

" " George F. Washburn of Boston

Dist 1 Irving H. Miller of Pittsfield

2 William C. Taylor of Orange

3 Let. Berry of Spencer

4 Asa F. Wall of Hudson

5 William W. Eastman of Lawrence

6 J. B. Woodfin of Merblehead

7 J. E. Clements of Lynn

8 Anthony J. Philpott of Hellington

9 Henry Lenion of Boston

10 George J. Moulton of Boston

11 Erasmus L. Metcalf of Franklin

12 Thomas S. Woodson of Middleborough

13 Frank E. Peck of Wareham.

| Votes in Precinct 1 | Precinct 2 | Precinct 3 | Total |
|---------------------|------------|------------|-------|
| 83                  | 90         | 96         | 269   |
| 83                  | 90         | 96         | 269   |
| 83                  | 90         | 96         | 269   |
| 83                  | 90         | 96         | 269   |
| 83                  | 90         | 96         | 269   |
| 82                  | 90         | 96         | 268   |
| 83                  | 90         | 96         | 269   |
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| 83                  | 90         | 96         | 269   |
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| 83                  | 90         | 96         | 269   |
| 83                  | 90         | 96         | 269   |
| 83                  | 90         | 96         | 269   |

2 votes

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| Precincts                                |    |    |    |           |
|--|----|----|----|-----------|
|  | 1  | 2  | 3  | Total     |
| For Governor                             |    |    |    |           |
| William H. Beale of Springfield          | 80 | 82 | 91 | 253       |
| Malott Hamlin of Amherst                 | —  | —  | 13 | 13        |
| Squire E. Putney of Somerville           | —  | —  | —  | —         |
| William E. Russell of Cambridge          | 63 | 69 | 43 | 175       |
| Henry Wime of Malden                     | 2  | —  | —  | 2         |
| For Lieutenant Governor                  |    |    |    | 26 Blanks |
| James B. Carroll of Springfield          | 62 | 64 | 40 | 166       |
| Edward Kendall of Cambridge              | —  | 2  | 12 | 14        |
| William J. Shields of Boston             | —  | 1  | 1  | 2         |
| Charles N. Wentworth of Lynn             | —  | 1  | —  | 1         |
| Roger Mulcott of Boston                  | 79 | 79 | 84 | 242       |
| Secretary                                |    |    |    | 44 Blanks |
| Charles S. Hamlin of Brookline           | 58 | 61 | 39 | 158       |
| George Stimpson of Sharon                | 1  | 3  | —  | 4         |
| Frederick A. Stogler of West Springfield | —  | —  | —  | —         |
| William M. Olin of Boston                | 77 | 76 | 82 | 235       |
| Samuel B. Shapleigh of Boston            | 1  | 1  | 11 | 13        |
| Treasurer and Receiver General           |    |    |    | 59        |
| Wilbert D. Farnham Jr. of Somerville     | 1  | —  | 11 | 12        |
| James S. Griswold of Greenfield          | 60 | 63 | 39 | 162       |
| George A. Mardon of Lowell               | 78 | 77 | 85 | 240       |
| James R. Nugent of Boston                | —  | —  | —  | —         |
| Thomson A. Watson of Braintree           | 2  | —  | —  | 2         |
| Auditor                                  |    |    |    | 53 Blanks |
| Alfred H. Evans of Ashburnham            | 1  | 3  | 12 | 16        |
| John W. Kimball of Fitchburg             | 78 | 78 | 85 | 241       |
| Maurice W. Lunters of Springfield        | 1  | 2  | —  | 3         |
| Michael Lynch of Boston                  | —  | 2  | —  | 2         |
| Irving B. Tangles of Milbury             | 52 | 61 | 39 | 152       |
| Attorney General                         |    |    |    | 55 Blanks |
| Charles S. Lilly of Lowell               | 56 | 58 | 39 | 153       |
| Herbert M. Fitch of Worcester            | —  | —  | —  | —         |
| Albert E. Pillsbury of Boston            | 78 | 77 | 84 | 239       |
| Robert F. Raymond of New Bedford         | 1  | —  | 11 | 12        |
| James Mulcock of Boston                  | 2  | —  | —  | 2         |
|  |    |    |    | 63 Blanks |

| Precincts                                 |    |    |    |            |
|---|----|----|----|------------|
|   | 1  | 2  | 3  | Total      |
| Representative to Congress Tenth District |    |    |    |            |
| Lewis Dewart Appley of Hudson             | 80 | 84 | 88 | 252        |
| Frederick L. Corlidge of Ashburnham       | 58 | 61 | 40 | 159        |
| Frank M. Forbush of Natick                | —  | 12 | 12 | 24         |
| Councillor for 6th District               |    |    |    | Blanks 49  |
| James H. Carmichael of Lowell             | 55 | 60 | 37 | 152        |
| Samuel T. Jefts of Hudson                 | 76 | 77 | 84 | 237        |
|   |    |    |    | 80 Blanks  |
| District Attorney (Northern Dist)         |    |    |    |            |
| William H. Osgood of Malden               | 56 | 62 | 39 | 157        |
| Gilbert A. H. Percy of Cambridge          | 1  | 4  | 11 | 16         |
| Frederick N. Wier of Lowell               | 77 | 75 | 80 | 232        |
|   |    |    |    | 64 Blanks  |
| For Sheriff of Middlesex Co               |    |    |    |            |
| Henry G. Cushing of Lowell                | 73 | 90 | 78 | 261        |
|   |    |    |    | 208 Blanks |
| County Commissioners Middlesex Co         |    |    |    |            |
| James Bigelow of Natick                   | 80 | 75 | 82 | 237        |
| Frederick W. Traubridge of Hudson         | 54 | 62 | 41 | 157        |
|   |    |    |    | 75 Blanks  |
| Two Special Commissioners                 |    |    |    |            |
| Lynum Dike of Stoughton                   | 77 | 65 | 79 | 221        |
| William H. Hastings of Framingham         | 48 | 60 | 38 | 146        |
| Stephen B. Puffer of Lowell               | 43 | 50 | 32 | 125        |
| Edward Everett Thompson of Woburn         | 64 | 58 | 69 | 191        |
|   |    |    |    | 255 Blanks |
| 3 Commissioners of Insolvency             |    |    |    |            |
| George J. Burns of Ayer                   | 76 | 72 | 76 | 224        |
| John Caskell Butler of Somerville         | 71 | 62 | 71 | 204        |
| Frederick T. Greenhalge of Lowell         | 49 | 52 | 35 | 136        |
| Frederick T. Greenhalge of Lowell         | 74 | 65 | 71 | 210        |
| Joseph P. Lyons of Wintertown             | 39 | 50 | 32 | 121        |
| Richard M. Hellegott of Cambridge         | 38 | 41 | 26 | 105        |
|   |    |    |    | 407 Blanks |
| Register of Probate                       |    |    |    |            |
| Samuel H. Folsom of Winchester            | 72 | 70 | 83 | 265        |
|   |    |    |    | 204 Blanks |



|                                  | Precincts |    |        | Total |
|----------------------------------|-----------|----|--------|-------|
|                                  | 1         | 2  | 3      |       |
| For Senator Fifth Middlesex Dist |           |    |        |       |
| George F. Clark of Acton         | 2         | 1  | 9      | 12    |
| John W. Johnson of Woburn        | 57        | 61 | 40     | 152   |
| Elisha B. Shaw of Chelmsford     | 79        | 70 | 78     | 227   |
|                                  |           |    | Blanks | 78    |

|   |    |    |        |     |
|---|----|----|--------|-----|
| Representative to General Court<br>from 30 <sup>th</sup> Middlesex District |    |    |        |     |
| William R. Ball of Maynard  | 47 | 43 | 32     | 122 |
| Isaiah Hutchins of Acton  | 81 | 98 | 105    | 284 |
|   |    |    | Blanks | 63  |

|                               |    |    |        |     |
|-------------------------------|----|----|--------|-----|
| Amendment to the Constitution |    |    |        |     |
| Yes                           | 36 | 38 | 40     | 114 |
| No                            | 21 | 35 | 25     | 81  |
|                               |    |    | Blanks | 274 |

William D. Tuttle Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Town Clerks of Acton, Maynard, Stone, Boxborough, Littleton & Carlisle held on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1892 at noon at Town Hall in Acton to canvass and make return of the vote for Representative to the General Court from the 30<sup>th</sup> Middlesex District it appeared that Isaiah Hutchins of Acton was elected to that office and return was made accordingly the vote in said District standing as follows

|           | Wm R. Ball of<br>Maynard | Isaiah Hutchins<br>of Acton | Lewis Parks of<br>Stone | Blanks |
|-----------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| Acton     | 122                      | 284                         |                         | 63     |
| Maynard   | 192                      | 277                         |                         | 43     |
| Boxboro   | 29                       | 44                          |                         | 6      |
| Stone     | 69                       | 85                          | 1                       | 33     |
| Littleton | 57                       | 110                         |                         |        |
| Carlisle  | 18                       | 61                          |                         | 21     |
|           | 481                      | 861                         |                         |        |

Election Officers appointed by Selectmen  
of Acton October 1892.

Precinct One

Wardens } Charles B. Semmes  
              } Edwin A. Phalen

Bullet Inspectors } Lyman C. Taylor  
                              } Daniel J. Withers

Clerk Horace F. Tuttle

Precinct No 2.

Wardens } Theron F. Newton  
              } Charles W. Fairbanks

Bullet Inspectors } William J. Hapgood  
                              } James McGreen

Clerk Lucius A. Kesselton

Precinct No Three

Wardens } Alphonso B. Wymore  
              } Herman A. Littlefield

Bullet Inspectors } Charles B. Stone  
                              } James Hinsley

Clerk Charles W. Mead

## Voting Precincts

In conformity with a vote of the Town of Acton at the April meeting (1892) accepting the act in relation to dividing the Town into voting precincts the Selectmen have divided the Town into three voting precincts viz no one, two, and three.

Precinct No One the place of meeting to be at Acton center embraces all the territory lying North and East of the following described lines commencing with boundary No one at the Concord line on the Turnpike thence by said Turnpike to boundary No two, at the intersection of the Turnpike with the road leading to the residence of E. B. Cutler thence by Town Way to boundary No three at the intersection of the Albany Turnpike and Gravel Pit roads so called.

Precinct No two the place of meeting to be at South Acton embraces all the territory lying South and East of the following described line. Commencing at boundary No four at the intersection of the Turnpike with the road leading to South Acton near the residence of John Kelley thence to boundary No five located just West of the Puffer place so called thence to boundary No six located West of the residence of Sidney L. Richardson thence to boundary No seven situated South West of the residence of John W. Remondall. Precinct No three the place of meeting to be at West Acton embraces all the territory lying North and West of boundaries Nos two, three, four, five, six and seven.

Precinct No one has One hundred and sixty  
 " " Two has One hundred and fifty four  
 and " " Three has One hundred and forty one  
 (legal voters).

Acton May 9<sup>th</sup> 1892

(Recorded May 10<sup>th</sup> 1892)

William F. Stevens

Gustavus V. Bowen

George R. Hayes

Selectmen  
 of  
 Acton

## Warrant for March Meeting 1893 Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the sixth day of March A.D. 1893 at One o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz.

Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.  
 Art 2<sup>d</sup> To decide the Town will fix the Salary of Tax Collector or not thereon.

Art 3<sup>d</sup> To elect all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. By vote of the Town passed April 4<sup>th</sup> 1892 all officers were to be elected on one ballot. Selectmen and Assessors for one, two, and three years.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting copies attested by you in the following places One at the Post Office in the center of the Town One at the Store of Tuttle Jones & Witherbee. One at the Store of C. B. Mead & Co One at the Village Court and one at each of the Railroad Stations in the Town seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands in Acton this



twenty second day of February in the year  
one thousand eight hundred and ninety three.

Wm F. Stevens }  
George R. Hayes } Selectmen  
Gustavus Bowen } of  
Acton

This certifies that I have notified the legal  
votes of the town of Acton to meet at their  
Town Hall on Monday the sixth day of March  
at one o'clock P.M. by posting printed copies  
of this warrant by me attested at the time  
and in the several places as therein directed  
by you.

John E. Cutter

Acton March 2<sup>d</sup> 1893 Constable of Acton.

# Proceedings of March Meeting 1893

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the  
Town of Acton held March 6<sup>th</sup> 1893 at one  
o'clock in the afternoon, it being the annual  
election of Town Officers, the articles in the  
warrant calling said meeting were acted  
upon as follows.

Art 1<sup>st</sup> Chose Alphonso A. Wyman Moderator  
Art 2<sup>d</sup> Voted to fix the Salary of the Tax Collector  
at One Hundred dollars.

Art 3<sup>d</sup> Voted to proceed to the election of the  
following town officers for the terms here-  
after named. Three Selectmen one for  
3 years, one for 2 years & one for 1 year.

Three Assessors One for 3 years - One for 2 years  
one for 1 year. Two members of the School  
Committee for 3 years each. a Library Trustee for  
3 years also a Town Clerk a Treasurer 3.  
Overseers of the Poor Two Auditors, a Collector  
of Taxes 4 Constables, Fish Committee, Cemetery  
Committee, Fence Viewers, & Surveyors of Wood  
Lumber and Hoops and Staves. all for  
one year. The following officers were elected

William D Tuttle Town Clerk.

Wendell A. Littlefield Selectman for 3 years  
Edward F. Conant do " 2 years  
Gustavus A. Bowen do " 1 year.

Phineas Withersbee } Assessor for 3 years  
James B. Tuttle } do for 2 years  
Anson C. Piper } do for 1 year

Jonathan W. Withersbee Treasurer for 1 year

Lymon C. Taylor Overseer of the Poor

James B. Tuttle " " " "

Edwin C. Parker " " " "

William F. Stevens Collector of Taxes.

For Auditors William J. Bapst & James Withersbee

Charles J. Williams a member of the School Committee for 3 years.

William H. Bartlett a member of the School Committee for 3 years.

For Constables Jennie Kinsley Edwin A. Phalen William F. Stevens & Fred W. Reed  
Charles J. Williams was chosen a Trustee of the Library for 3 years.

For Fish Committee  
Elnathan Jones, Frank H. White and John Fletcher  
Charles J. Miller Charles J. Williams Luther Conant

For Cemetery Committee  
Levi W. Stevens John Fletcher Horace F. Tuttle

For Fence Viewers  
William C. Reed Francis Conant John R. Haughton  
For Surveyors of Wood Lumber Woods & Staves  
Augustus Fletcher Edwin F. Richardson John P. Fletcher  
Herbert T. Clark Edgar W. Ball John F. Davis  
George W. Harris James E. Billings

For Trilol Drives James Kinsley  
Edwin A. Phalen Wm F. Stevens Fred W. Reed.

At this meeting the moderator appointed the three selectmen tellers who were sworn by the Town Clerk.

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in April at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Wm. D. Tuttle Town Clerk

Those persons whose names are under scored with red ink were sworn by Moderator or Town Clerk.

W. D. Tuttle Town Clerk.

## April Meeting Warrant for 1893.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Middlesex ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the third day of April A.D. 1893 at one o'clock P.M. then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz:

- Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- " 2<sup>d</sup> To fill all vacancies in the list of Town Officers and Committees
- " 3<sup>d</sup> To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of Schools and for School supplies the present year or not thereon.
- " 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the due observance of Memorial day.
- " 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will accept of the Jury List as revised by the Selectman.
- " 6<sup>th</sup> To vote by Ballot, Yes or No, in answer to the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this town the present year?"
- " 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will accept of the Reports of the Selectman Overseers of the Poor School Committee and other Town Officers or not any thing thereon.
- " 8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectman to borrow money for the Town if necessary in anticipation of the taxes for the current year.



## April Meeting Warrant 1893

- Art 9<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will erect and maintain Street Lamps or take any action thereon.
- " 10<sup>th</sup> To hear the reports of any Committee chosen to report at this meeting or act anything thereon.
- " 11<sup>th</sup> To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the support of Memorial Library for the ensuing year or act anything thereon.
- " 12 To see what sum of Money the Town will raise for the repairing of roads and bridges the present year or act anything thereon.
- " 13<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will raise the sum of two hundred dollars for repairing the road leading from Acton center to East Acton beginning at the Bearse House in Woodlawn Cemetery to the Old Colony Railroad crossing or act anything thereon.
- " 14<sup>th</sup> To see what amount of money the Town will raise to defray town charges the present year or act anything thereon.
- " 15 To see if the Town will locate the bounds and straighten and widen the road leading from the house of W. F. Stevens past the house of E. B. Cutler to the intersection with the road leading from Acton center to South Acton or act anything thereon.
- " 16 To see if the Town will except the provisions of sections 74-75-76 & 77 of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes in relation to the electing of three Road Commissioners or act anything thereon.
- 17 To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to change the precinct lines so as to place John Kelley and S. L. Richardson in Precinct 3. or act anything thereon.

## April Meeting Warrant continued

- Art 18<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will change the location of the roads on the South side of the Town Hall or act anything thereon.
- " 19<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to hold one meeting in March or April in each year instead of one in March and one in April or act anything thereon.
- " 20<sup>th</sup> To see what sum of money the Town will raise to be expended in the Turnpike under the order of the County Commissioners.
- " 21<sup>st</sup> To see if the Town will raise the sum of One thousand dollars to defray the expenses of breeding roads.
- " 22 To see what action the Town will take in reference to the better protection against fires.
- " 23 To see if the Town will celebrate the nineteenth of April 1893 or act anything thereon.
- " 24 To see if the Town will lay out and grade a road from near the house of J. E. Gates to the Selind-Stevens road or act anything thereon.
- " 25 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to buy the whole or a part of the land now by Geo W. Woodman in Acton center to be a common or a highway as they may direct or act anything thereon.
- And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies attested by you in the following places One at the Post office in the center of the Town One at the Store of Tuttle, Jones & Webster One at the Store of B. A. Littlefield One at the Store of Chas. B. Mead & Co one at the Nagog House One at each of the Railroad Stations and One at the Post Office at East Acton.

April Meeting Warrant - continued  
seven days at least before the time appointed  
for holding said meeting.

Whereof said not and make due return of this  
warrant with your doings thereon, to the  
Selectmen or Town Clerk, on or before the time  
for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands in Acton this  
eighteenth day of March in the year One  
thousand eight hundred and ninety three.

Gustavus V. Bowen }  
Harrison H. Littlefield } Selectmen  
Ed J. Conant. } of Acton

To the Town Clerk of Acton

This is to certify that the within Warrant  
has been served by posting attested copies  
thereof one at the Post office in the center of the  
Town, one at the Store of W. A. Littlefield one at the  
Store of C. W. Mead & Co. One at the Store of Tuttle  
Jones & Witherbee one at each of the Railroad  
stations one at the Nagog House and one at the  
Post office in East Acton

March 25<sup>th</sup> 1893. Wm. J. Stevens  
Constable of the town of Acton

Proceedings of April Meeting 1893

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the  
Town of Acton held on Monday the third  
day of April A.D. 1893 at one o'clock in the after  
noon in pursuance of a Warrant calling  
the same and to which time and place the  
March meeting was adjourned the articles  
in said Warrant were acted upon in manner  
as follows.

Art 1<sup>st</sup> Chose Luther Conant Esq. Moderator  
" 2 Chose John Fletcher Samuel W. Guilford  
and Lucius H. Bessilton, Foresters,  
John F. Davis was excused from serving as  
a Surveyor of Wood & Henry D. Parlin  
was chosen in his stead.  
Wm. D. Tuttle was chosen a Trustee of the  
Memorial Library for the unexpired term of  
Rev. James Fletcher

Art 3<sup>rd</sup> Voted to accept the Report of the  
Selectmen Overseers of the Poor School  
Committee and other Town Officers,  
Voted to take up the report of the School Com-  
mittee and consider it in the order of its  
recommendations  
Voted that the Town continue the District  
system of Superintendence with the Towns  
of Sturbridge and West Brookfield if  
possible.

Voted to appropriate One hundred & twenty  
dollars for the transportation of the Scholars  
of the South East district to South Acton  
Voted that the High School be located per-  
manently at South Acton and that the  
Town adopt the recommendations of the  
School Committee in regard to the transpor-  
tation of scholars to the High School.



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## Proceedings of April Meeting 1893

- Art 2<sup>nd</sup> Voted to raise Two hundred dollars for the transportation of scholars to the High School  
 Voted to employ an assistant teacher in the High School and that the sum of Three hundred and forty dollars be appropriated for the support of this branch of the High School.  
 Voted to raise the sum of Three thousand and sixty dollars for the support of the common schools.  
 Voted to raise the sum Thirteen hundred and forty dollars for the maintenance of the High School and Four hundred and fifty dollars for school supplies.  
 Voted to raise the sum of Four hundred dollars for the salary of the Superintendent.  
 Art 4 Voted to appropriate seventy five dollars for the observance of Memorial day.  
 At this point in the proceedings a communication from Luther L. Tenbell of Marlborough commending the interest the Town of Acton had taken in the men and events connected with the American revolution was read by E. F. Richardson and accepted with a vote of thanks.  
 Art 5 The jury list was read, revised, and adopted by the Town.  
 Art 6<sup>th</sup> On the Question of License propounded in Art 6<sup>th</sup> the Town voted as follows  
 No 76 ballots Yes Thirteen (13)  
 Art 7 (repeated above)  
 Art 8<sup>th</sup> Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money with the approval of the Selectmen, for the use of the Town if necessary.

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## Proceedings of April Meeting 1893

- Art 9<sup>th</sup> Voted that the sum of Three hundred dollars be appropriated to be paid in quarterly instalments for the maintenance of such Street lamps as may be approved by the Selectmen  
 Art 10<sup>th</sup> Voted to lay the article on the table  
 " 11<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise the sum of Four hundred dollars for the running expenses of the Library and One hundred and fifty for Books.  
 Art 12<sup>th</sup> Voted that Twenty five hundred dollars be raised for the repair of roads & bridges the current year.  
 Art 13<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise and appropriate Two hundred dollars to repair said road.  
 Art 14<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise Sixty five hundred dollars to defray Town charges the present year.  
 Art 15<sup>th</sup> Voted that Art 15 be referred to the Selectmen to make such alterations and repairs on said road as they may deem necessary  
 Art 16 Voted that the Town accept the provisions of sections 74-75-76 and 77 of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes in relation to the election of Road Commissioners  
 Art 17 Voted to change the precinct line  
 Art 18 Voted that the matter be referred to the Selectmen, with instructions to investigate and report at the next Town meeting.  
 Art 19<sup>th</sup> Voted that in 1894 the Town hold no annual meeting in March and that the annual meeting for the election of Town officers & the transaction of Town business be held on the first Monday in April at such hour as the Selectmen may appoint.

## Proceedings of April Meeting 1893

Art 20<sup>th</sup> Voted to expend One thousand dollars for work on the Turnpike under the order of the County Commissioners

Art 21<sup>st</sup> Voted to raise One thousand dollars to defray the expenses of breaking out roads

Art 22<sup>nd</sup> Voted that a sum not exceeding One thousand dollars be expended by a Committee consisting of the Selectmen, with Luther Conant Charles J. Williams William F. Stevens James Tuttle John White to provide suitable fire apparatus for the East, North, South, West and Center Villages

Art 23<sup>rd</sup> Voted to leave the matter with the Selectmen

Art 24 Voted to dismiss the article

Art 25 Voted that the 25<sup>th</sup> article be referred to the Selectmen with power to act.

attest William D. Tuttle

Town Clerk of Acron

At a meeting of the Selectmen and School Committee jointly held on the fifteenth day of April George F. Tuttle was chosen a member of the School Committee to serve until the next annual town election shall be held.

certified to by Charles J. Williams Secy

Warrant for Meeting held June 1<sup>st</sup> 1893

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Acron in said County, Greeting,  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acron qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in said Town on Thursday the first day of June A.D. 1893 at 4<sup>30</sup> o'clock P. M. then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz.

Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2 To see if the Town will allow a discount on taxes paid on or before November first or not anything thereon

Art 3 To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$500, additional to the sum raised at April meeting for the purchase of Fire apparatus or not anything thereon.

Art 4 To see if the Town will accept and build the piece of road running from the Church through the land purchased of G. W. Woodman to the Gravel Pit road as laid out by the Selectmen or not anything thereon.

Art 5 To see if the Town will sell part of the land purchased of George W. Woodman or not anything thereon.

Art 6 To see if the Town will accept and build the road running from near the house of J. C. Gates to the Lebanon Stevens road, as laid out by the Selectmen or not anything thereon.



Warrant for Meeting held June 1<sup>st</sup> 1893

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies attested by you in the following places; One in each Post Office One in each Railroad Station one at the Nazog House and one each in the Stores of Tuttle Jones & Wetherbee, W. A. Littlefield C. H. Mead & Co and M. E. Taylor seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands in Acton this twentieth day of May in the year One-thousand eight hundred and ninety three.

Frederick W. Brewster

W. A. Littlefield

Ed. F. Conant

} Selectmen  
of Acton

This is to certify that attested copies of the within warrant have been duly posted in the following places; viz, One in each of the Railroad Stations One in each Post Office One in each at the Stores of Tuttle Jones & Wetherbee W. A. Littlefield C. H. Mead & Co and M. E. Taylor & Co.

Acton May, 24<sup>th</sup> 1893

Wm. F. Stowers

Constable of the Town of Acton

Proceedings of Meeting held June 1<sup>st</sup> 1893

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Acton held on the first day of June 1893 at 7<sup>30</sup> P. M. in pursuance of a warrant calling the same the articles in said Warrant were acted upon in manner as follows.

Art 1<sup>st</sup> Chose Luther Conant Esq Moderator

Art 2<sup>nd</sup> Voted to allow a discount of six per cent on all taxes assessed the current year and paid in to the Collector on or before the annual meeting in November next.

Art 3 Voted that five hundred dollars additional be placed at the disposal of the Committee to purchase fire apparatus for the town.

Art 4 Voted to accept the changes and alterations in the location of the road as made by the Selectmen between the points named and Voted to instruct the Selectmen to build said road.

Art 5 Voted to authorize and empower the Selectmen as the agents of the Town to sell such portion of the Woodman lot as in their judgment is not needed by the Town.

Art 6 A motion to accept the road as laid out by the Selectmen was negatived Voted to refer the matter to the Selectmen for further consideration.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

William D. Tuttle

Town Clerk

## November Meeting Warrant 1893.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town  
of Acton in said County, Greeting,  
You are hereby required in the name of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the inhab-  
itants of the Town of Acton and particularly the  
legal voters thereof, to meet at the polling places in  
the several precincts to which they respectively belong  
on Tuesday the seventh day of November 1893 at  
11<sup>45</sup> o'clock A.M. then and there to bring in their  
votes on One ballot for Governor Lieutenant  
Governor Councilor for Sixth Middlesex District  
Secretary of State Treasurer and Receiver General  
Auditor of the Commonwealth Attorney General  
Senator for Fifth Middlesex District Representative in  
the General Court for 30<sup>th</sup> Middlesex District, Register  
of Probate and Insolvency for Middlesex County, Com-  
missioners of Insolvency for Middlesex County, County  
Commissioner for Middlesex County. Also on same  
Ballot to vote on the following "Amendment to the  
Constitution" relative to the payment of mileage to  
members of the General Court. So much of article two  
of section three of Chapter one of the Constitution of  
the Commonwealth as is contained in the following  
words "The expenses of travelling to the General Assembly  
and returning home once in every session and no  
more shall be paid by the Government out of the  
Public Treasury, to every member who shall attend  
as sensibly as he can in the judgment of the  
House and does not depart without leave" is  
hereby annulled.

The Polling places in the several Precincts will be  
as follows. In precinct One at the Town Hall.

" " Two at Exchange Hall So Acton  
" " Three at G.A.R. Hall West Acton

## November Meeting Warrant 1893 continued

The polls will be opened at 11<sup>45</sup> <sup>o'clock</sup> A.M. and may  
be closed at 3<sup>45</sup> o'clock P.M. And you are directed  
to serve this Warrant by posting copies thereof attested  
by you One in each Post Office One in each Railroad  
Station One at the Mayor's house and one each in the  
Stores Tuttle Jones & Whitebee 16 St. Littlefield Chas. B.  
Hoad & Co and M. E. Taylor & Co seven days at least  
before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Recap fail not and make due return of this  
of the Warrant with your doings thereon to the  
Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time of holding  
said meeting. Given under our hands in Acton  
this twenty third day of October in the year One  
thousand Eight hundred and ninety three.

Gustavus V. Baren  
Ed. F. Cuscut

Selectmen of Acton

This is to certify that attested copies of the  
within Warrant have been posted in the  
several places as directed

Acton Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 1893 William F. Stevens

Constable of Acton



## November Election 1893

At legal meetings of the inhabitants and legal voters of the Town of Acton held in three several precincts numbered 1-2 and 3, on Tuesday the seventh day of November 1893 at 11-45 A.M. the returns of the Clerks of the said precincts were carefully noted, compared, and tabulated by the Selectmen and Town Clerk and the total number of votes checked and the total number of ballots cast in each of the said precincts and the names and residence of all persons voted for, and the number of votes received for each person and the title of the office for which he was proposed and the number of blank ballots for each office in each of the said precincts were as follows:

Total no of Names Checked 421 Precincts

| For Governor                     | 1  | 2  | 3  | Total |
|----------------------------------|----|----|----|-------|
| Louis Albert Banks of Hyde Park  | 3  | 1  | 13 | 17    |
| George W. Carey of Lynn          | 0  | 2  | 1  | 3     |
| Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell | 74 | 92 | 80 | 246   |
| Patrick F. O'Neil of Boston      | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0     |
| John E. Russell of Leicester     | 50 | 55 | 44 | 149   |
| Blanks                           | 0  | 6  | 0  | 6     |
| For Lieutenant Governor          |    |    |    |       |
| James B. Carroll of Springfield  | 47 | 49 | 42 | 138   |
| Joseph L. Harris of Waverhill    | 0  | 4  | 0  | 4     |
| Morris E. Ruther of Holyoke      |    |    | 1  | 1     |
| Henry C. Smith of Williamstown   | 3  |    | 11 | 14    |
| Hoger Wolcott of Boston          | 73 | 93 | 77 | 243   |
| Blanks                           | 4  | 10 | 7  | 21    |

## Secretary of State

|   |    |    |    |     |
|---|----|----|----|-----|
| James M. McDonald of Newborough         | 44 | 46 | 39 | 129 |
| Frederick A. Nagler of West Springfield |    |    | 1  | 1   |
| William M. Olin of Boston               | 74 | 90 | 74 | 238 |
| Samuel B. Shepley of Boston             | 3  | 1  | 11 | 15  |
| Isaac W. Skinner of Waltham             | 0  | 1  | 0  | 1   |
| Blanks                                  | 6  | 18 | 13 | 37  |

## November Election 1893 continued

|                                     | Precincts |    |    | Total |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|----|----|-------|
| Treasurer & Receiver General        | 1         | 2  | 3  |       |
| Wilbert D. Farnham Jr of Somerville | 3         | 2  | 11 | 16    |
| Henry M. Phillips of Springfield    | 72        | 85 | 73 | 230   |
| Squire E. Putney of Somerville      |           | 2  | 1  | 3     |
| Eben S. Stevens of Dudley           | 46        | 47 | 38 | 131   |
| Thomas B. Watson of Braintree       |           | 3  |    | 3     |
| Blanks                              | 6         | 17 | 15 | 38    |
| Auditor                             |           |    |    |       |
| Alfred W. Evans of Ashburnham       | 2         | 1  | 12 | 15    |
| Bordman Hall of Boston              | 45        | 49 | 37 | 131   |
| John W. Kimball of Fitchburg        | 70        | 83 | 71 | 224   |
| Kerrmann J. Koepke of Pittsfield    |           |    | 1  | 1     |
| Maurice W. Sanders of Pittsfield    |           | 2  |    | 2     |
| Blanks                              | 10        | 21 | 17 | 48    |
| Attorney General                    |           |    |    |       |
| Roscoe M. Sincullen of New Bedford  | 68        | 86 | 75 | 229   |
| Charles L. Lilley of Lowell         | 45        | 48 | 37 | 130   |
| Daniel Lynch of Boston              | 0         | 0  | 0  |       |
| Robert F. Raymond of New Bedford    | 3         |    | 10 | 13    |
| Conrad Reno of Boston               |           | 2  |    | 2     |
| Blanks                              | 11        | 20 | 16 | 47    |
| Councillor Sixth Dis                |           |    |    |       |
| William B. Hyde of Woburn           | 45        | 50 | 37 | 132   |
| Lusman T. Jests of Woburn           | 72        | 85 | 77 | 234   |
| Blanks                              |           |    | 1  | 1     |
| Blanks                              | 10        | 21 | 23 | 54    |
| Register of Probate & Insolvency    |           |    |    |       |
| John F. Carroll of Frammingham      | 43        | 51 | 37 | 131   |
| Samuel W. Folsom of Winchester      | 75        | 84 | 74 | 233   |
| Blanks                              | 9         | 21 | 27 | 57    |
| County Commissioner                 |           |    |    |       |
| Henry Read of Westford              | 69        | 84 | 73 | 226   |
| William A. Read of Lowell           | 44        | 51 | 38 | 133   |
| Blanks                              | 14        | 21 | 27 | 62    |

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## November Election 1893 (Summary)

|   | Precincts |     | Total |
|---|-----------|-----|-------|
| For Senator Fifth Middlesex   | 1         | 2   | 3     |
| Elisha W. Shum of Chelmsford  | 75        | 85  | 76    |
| Charles F. Worcester of Townsend  | 45        | 49  | 37    |
| Glazier   |           |     | 1     |
| Blanks  | 7         | 22  | 24    |
| Representative in General Court<br>for 30 <sup>th</sup> Middlesex District: |           |     |       |
| James Winsley of Acton  | 34        | 36  | 58    |
| James F. Sweeney of Maynard   | 65        | 57  | 54    |
| Blanks  | 28        | 63  | 26    |
| Constitutional Amendment  |           |     |       |
| Yes.  | 23        | 23  | 30    |
| No.   | 43        | 39  | 24    |
| Blanks  | 61        | 94  | 84    |
| Total number of Voters checked  | 127       | 156 | 138   |
| Total " " Ballots Cast  | 127       | 156 | 138   |

Attest William D. Tuttle

Town Clerk

Acton Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 1893.

At a meeting this day at noon, of the Town Clerks of Acton Maynard Stone Roxborough Littleton Carleton comprising the 30<sup>th</sup> Middlesex District to canvass and make return of the votes for Representative to the General Court from said district, it appeared that James L. Sweeney of Maynard was elected to that office and return was made accordingly; the vote in said District being as follows:

|                             | Acton | Maynard | Stone | Roxborough | Littleton | Carleton | Total |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------|-------|------------|-----------|----------|-------|
| James Winsley of Acton      | 128   | 153     | 58    | 26         | 46        | 11       | 422   |
| James L. Sweeney of Maynard | 176   | 306     | 82    | 30         | 97        | 41       | 732   |
| E. S. Heald of Carleton     |       |         |       |            |           | 8        | 8     |
| Daniel W. Robbins of "      |       |         |       |            |           | 1        | 1     |
| Geo E. Rose of "            |       |         |       |            | 2         |          | 2     |
| Edward Frost of Littleton   |       |         |       |            | 1         |          | 1     |
| Geo A. Sanderson of "       |       |         |       |            |           |          |       |
| Blanks                      | 117   | 35      | 21    | 15         | 36        | 21       | 245   |
|                             | 421   | 494     | 161   | 71         | 182       | 84       | 1413  |

William D. Tuttle Town Clerk

## April Meeting Warrant 1894.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss To either of the Constables of the town of Acton in the County of Middlesex Greeting. You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the inhabitants of the town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in said town on Monday the second day of April A.D. 1894 at nine o'clock A.M. then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz.

- Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside in <sup>(meeting)</sup> said
- Art 2<sup>nd</sup> To choose all necessary Town Officers and Committees
- Art 3<sup>rd</sup> To see if the Town will accept the jury list as revised by the Selectman
- Art 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectman to borrow money for the Town if necessary in anticipation of the taxes for the current year.
- Art 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will direct the board of assessors to make for the School Committee an accurate enumeration of the children in the Town between the ages of five & fifteen years
- Art 6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to heat the Town Hall by Steam or act anything thereon.
- Art 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will allow a discount on taxes paid on or before Nov 1<sup>st</sup> or act anything thereon.
- Art 8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on all taxes not paid on or before Nov 1<sup>st</sup> or act anything thereon.



- Art 9 To see if the Town will reconsider the vote taken at their June meeting whereby they voted not to accept of the road from near the residence of J. C. Gates to the Leland-Stevens road as laid out by the Selectmen and vote to accept and build it.
- Art 10 To see if the Town will accept the Reports of the Selectmen Overseers of the Poor School Committee and other Town Officers.
- Art 11 To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the support of Memorial Library for the ensuing year.
- Art 12 To see if the Town will raise the sum of Two hundred dollars to repair the road from the residence of Moses Taylor to the Turnpike <sup>road</sup>.
- Art 13 To see if the Town will raise the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars to repair the road leading from the residence of John Kelly to South Acton.
- Art 14 To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of Schools the present year and how it shall be divided.
- Art 15 To see what amount of money the Town will raise for school supplies the present year.
- Art 16 To see if the Town will vote to diminish the number of its School Committee beginning in 1895.
- Art 17 To see what action the Town will take in regard to selling the School House in the South East part of the Town.
- Art 18 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair the Great road from Concord line to Littleton line.
- Art 19 To see if the Town will erect and maintain Street lamps the present year or act anything thereon.

- Art 20 To vote yes or No in answer to the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town the present year?"
- Art 21 To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor law.
- Art 22 To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the repairing of Roads and Bridges the present year and how it shall be divided.
- Art 23 To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the due observance of memorial day.
- Art 24 To see if the Town will vote to widen the road from the house of Chas L. Davis to the Esterbrook road or act anything thereon.
- Art 25 To see if the Town will vote to build a cistern near the Town Hall the present year or act anything thereon.
- Art 26 To see if the Town will offer a reward for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who poisoned Mr Charles Wheeler's cattle.
- Art 27 To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote whereby they voted to accept of sections 64 to 68, both inclusive of Chap 27 of the Public Statutes and any amendments thereto providing for the election of members of the board of Selectmen and assessors for the term of three years or act anything thereon.
- Art 28 To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of erecting headstones or other monuments to the memory of persons who <sup>are</sup> credited to their respective

quodae served in the military or naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War the War of 1812 the Seminole War and the Mexican War and for keeping in repair and decorating such Monuments and the graves of such persons.

Art 29 To see what amount of money the Town will raise to defray Town charges the present year

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies attested by you in the following places. One at the Post Office in the center of the town One each at the stores of Tuttle Jones & Wetherbee M.E. Taylor & Co. W. H. Littlefield and C. B. Mead & Co one at the Nazog House one at each of the Railroad Stations and one at the Post Office in East Acton seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting. Be careful not to make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands in Acton this nineteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety four

Gustavus V. Bowen  
Eol F. Conant

Selectmen of Acton

This is to certify that properly attested copies of the within warrant have been posted at the following places One each at the stores of Tuttle Jones & Wetherbee M.E. Taylor & Co C.B. Mead & Co and W.H. Littlefield One at each of the Railroad Stations One at the Post Office in the center of the town One at the Post Office in East Acton & one at the Nazog House

Acton March 24<sup>th</sup> 1894 Wm F. Stevens Constable of Acton

## Proceedings of April Meeting 1894.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Acton held on the second day of April A.D. 1894 at nine o'clock in the forenoon it being the annual meeting for the choice of Town Officers, and for the transaction of town business the articles in the Warrant calling said meeting were acted upon in manner as follows.

Art 1 Chose Luther Conant Esq Moderator

The moderator appointed G. V. Bowen and E. F. Conant tellers and administered the oath to them.

Art 2 The following Town Officers were elected

Town Clerk William D. Tuttle

Selectmen Daniel J. Wetherbee, Richard Hutchinson

Assessor Arsen C. Piper

Overseers of the Poor James B. Tuttle

Edwin C. Parker

Lynum Tuttle

Town Treasurer Jonathan H. W. Wetherbee.

Auditors William Hapgood & Chas. J. Williams

Collector of Taxes William F. Stevens

School Committee { Horace F. Tuttle 3 years

Frank S. Houston 3 years

Arthur W. Armstrong 1 year

Trustee of Memorial Library Lucius B. Bevelton

Road Commissioners { Benjamin A. Gould 3 years

William H. Winsley 2 years

Nahum Littlefield 1 year

Cemetery Committee { Levi W. Stevens

John Fletcher

Horace F. Tuttle



Art 2<sup>d</sup> Constables James Winsley Edwin A. Maden  
 William F. Stevens & Samuel Jones jr  
 Fence Viewers } Nahum C. Reed Thomas C. Conant  
 + John R. Boughton

Surveyors of Lumber Wood & Hoops & Staves  
 Augustus Fletcher Est. F. Richardson Edgar W. Ball  
 Jonathan P. Fletcher Herbert F. Clark John F. Davis  
 George W. Harris & James E. Billings

Before proceeding to ballot for Town Officers the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 article in the Warrant was taken up and the Town  
 Voted to rescind the vote referred to in that Art.  
 and filled the vacancies in the board of  
 Selectmen and of Assessors for one year only.  
 It was Voted that the Polls for the election of Town  
 Officers be kept open until 2 o'clock P.M.

Art 3<sup>d</sup> The jury list was read and considered  
 and after excusing Daniel C. Harris Charles  
 J. Bolton Wm. F. Stevens F. J. Hastings and  
 George W. Worster the list was adopted.

Art 4<sup>d</sup> Voted to authorize the Treasurer with the  
 approval of the Selectmen to borrow money  
 for the use of the Town if necessary.

Art 5<sup>d</sup> Voted to instruct the assessors to make  
 for the School Committee such an enumeration  
 of the children in the Town between the ages  
 of five and fifteen years as shall comply  
 with the requirements of Sec 2 Chap 46 of the  
 Public Statutes

Art 6<sup>d</sup> Voted to instruct the Selectmen to <sup>put</sup> in a  
 new furnace to heat the Town Hall.

Art 7<sup>d</sup> Voted to allow a discount of six per  
 cent on all taxes assessed the present  
 year and paid on or before Nov 1<sup>st</sup> next.

Art 8<sup>th</sup> Voted to dismiss the 8<sup>th</sup> article.

Art 9<sup>th</sup> Voted to reconsider the vote referred  
 to in this article and voted to refer the  
 matter to the Selectmen

Art 10<sup>th</sup> Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen  
 Voted to accept the report of the Overseers  
 of the Poor. Voted that the question  
 whether Geo L. Towne cannot be compelled  
 to support his wife be referred to the  
 Overseers of the Poor.

Voted to accept the report of the  
 School Committee and other Town officers

Art 11 Voted to raise & appropriate four hundred  
 dollars to defray the expenses of Memorial Library  
 and one hundred and fifty <sup>(\$150)</sup> for the  
 purchase of new books.

Art 12 Voted to dismiss

Art 13<sup>th</sup> Voted to dismiss

Art 14<sup>th</sup> Voted to continue the Unice District  
 system of Superintency of Schools another  
 year.

Voted not to consolidate the East & North  
 schools forming two graded schools at the  
 center of the town

Voted to raise Twenty Eight hundred dollars  
 for the support of the Common Schools the  
 present year

Voted to raise Sixteen hundred dollars  
 for the support of the High School.

Art 15<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise Five hundred and fifty  
 dollars for the purchase of school supplies  
 the present year

Voted to raise One hundred dollars for school  
 apparatus.

Voted to raise Four hundred and Twenty five  
 dollars for the salary of the Superintendent  
 of Schools.

- Art 14 Voted to raise one hundred and Eighty dollars for the transportation of the scholars from the South East district to South Acton.
- Voted to raise the sum of Four hundred and Fifty dollars for the transportation of scholars to the High School from the North East and central parts of the Town <sup>(School Committee)</sup> to be appropriated by the <sup>School Committee</sup>.
- Voted to pay the cost of transportation on the cars of those scholars attending the High School, from West Acton, to So Acton.
- Voted to raise Three hundred and forty dollars for the transportation of the High School scholars in West Acton to South Acton.
- Art 16 Voted that the number of members of the School Committee be reduced to three, the reduction beginning in 1895.
- Art 17 Voted to dismiss the 17<sup>th</sup> article.
- Art 18 Voted to dismiss the 18<sup>th</sup> article.
- Art 19 Voted to raise Three hundred and fifty dollars <sup>(year)</sup> for the support of street lamps the ensuing year, the said lamps being approved by the Selectmen; and <sup>that</sup> no person be paid for the running of any lamp that is not kept lighted at least 16 nights in a month until 10 o'clock P.M., with the exception of the months of June & July.
- Art 20 On the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating in the town the present year." The town voted Yes sixty three votes No. Ninety four votes.
- Art 21 Voted to appropriate Two hundred dollars to pay the expenses of the enforcement of the laws in relation to the sale of intoxicating liquors and F. C. Marsh, Reuben L. Reed, George W. Clark and Rev. F. P. Wood were chosen a Committee to enforce said laws.

- Art 22 Voted to raise the sum of Three thousand dollars for the repair of Roads & Bridges the present year.
- Art 23 Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars for the observance of memorial day.
- Art 24 Voted to refer the matter alluded to in the 24<sup>th</sup> article to the Selectmen.
- Art 25 Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to receive proposals for building a cistern near the Town Hall the same to hold ten thousand gallons; and to be built the present season, the location to be determined by the Selectmen.
- Art 26 Voted that the Selectmen be authorized, in behalf of the Town, to offer a reward of \$500, or such sum as they may have a legal right to offer, for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who poisoned Charles Wheeler's Cattle, or the Livermore Brothers horses.
- Art 27 Voted to rescind the the vote of the Town taken April 4<sup>th</sup> 1892 where by the Town voted to accept of sections 4 to 68, both inclusive, of Chap 27 of the Public Statutes and any amendments thereto, providing for the election of the board of Selectmen and Assessors for the term of three years.
- Art 28 Voted to appropriate fifty dollars to carry out the purposes contemplated & named in Art 28. the same to be expended under the direction of the Acton Historical Society.
- Art 29 Voted to raise the sum of Six thousand dollars to defray Town charges the present year & Voted to fix the salary of the Collector at One hundred dollars.



Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to fill all existing vacancies in the list of Town Officers.

At a quarter past 12 o'clock the meeting was adjourned until one o'clock P.M. and the meeting was finally adjourned without date. At about 6 o'clock P.M.

Attest W<sup>m</sup> D. Tuttle Town Clerk

List of Town Officers when & by whom qualified  
 Office Name of Person Chosen When & by whom qual-  
 Town Clerk W<sup>m</sup> D. Tuttle April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1894 by moderator  
 Selectmen Daniel J. Witherbee Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> " by "  
 " Isaiah Hutchinsons April 5<sup>th</sup> by D. J. Witherbee  
 Assessor Anson C. Piper  
 Overseers of Poor James D. Tuttle Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moderator  
 " " Edwin C. Parker Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> " " do  
 " " Lyman Tuttle April 2<sup>nd</sup> do do  
 Town Treasurer J. H. W. Witherbee Apr 9<sup>th</sup> L. V. Clough J. P.  
 Auditors William J. Karpisgood Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> by moderator  
 " Chas J. Williams Apr 5<sup>th</sup> by Town Clerk  
 Collectors of Taxes W<sup>m</sup> F. Stevens  
 Road Commissioners H. A. Gendol Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> by Town Clerk  
 " " W<sup>m</sup> B. Simisley Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> by moderator  
 " " Nahum Littlefield Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> Moderator  
 Constables James Simisley  
 " Edwin A. Phalen Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moderator  
 " William F. Stevens Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> by Town Clerk  
 Fence Viewers Nahum C. Reed  
 " " Francis Conant  
 Surveyors of Woods Augustus Kitcher  
 " " Edw. F. Richardson  
 " " James P. Kitcher Apr 6<sup>th</sup> by J. H. W. Witherbee J. P.  
 " " Herbert T. Clark Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moderator  
 " " Edgar H. Hull  
 " " George W. Harris Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moderator  
 " " John F. Davis  
 " " James E. Bellings

East Acton May 5<sup>th</sup> 1894

W<sup>m</sup> D. Tuttle Esq

Dear Sir At a meeting of the Selectmen the following persons were appointed to hold office for the Town of Acton  
 William F. Stevens Sealer of Weight & Measures  
 James McGreen Registrar of Voters for three years  
 Reuben L. Reed Constable for one year from April 1<sup>st</sup> (1894)

Respectfully yours  
 D. J. Witherbee Secy

filed May 15<sup>th</sup> 1894  
 Mr W. D. Tuttle Town Clerk of Acton  
 Mr R. L. Reed having been duly appointed a Constable of Acton for the present year on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April by the Selectmen he has appeared before me and taken the oath of office

L. V. Clough J. P.  
 (copy filed May 15<sup>th</sup> 1894)

Warrant for meeting held Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1894

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex, greeting; In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in said town on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September at 7 o'clock P.M. then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper viz.

Art 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2<sup>nd</sup> To see if the Town will discontinue a part of the road leading from the Lowell road near the house D. C. Harris to the Westford line, that part from the road leading to the quarry to the Westford line

Art 3<sup>rd</sup> To see if the Town will accept and build the road from a point near the house of J. E. Gates to the Leland Stevens road as laid out by the road Commissioners or act anything thereon.

Art 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will celebrate the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 1895 or act anything thereon.

Art 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will erect markers to designate historical places of interest in the Town

Art 6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will reconsider the vote whereby they voted at their last April meeting to put a furnace into the Town Hall; and vote to put in Steam heat or act anything thereon.

Art 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will straighten and repair the road leading from the Leland Stevens road to the intersection with the road leading from

South Acton to Acton Center as recommended by the Road Commissioners or act anything thereon.

Art 8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will purchase additional land for school purposes in West Acton or act anything thereon

Art 9<sup>th</sup> To see if Town will widen the road as recommended by the Road Commissioners beginning at Giles place so called to the house Calvin Harris or act anything thereon.

Art 10<sup>th</sup> To see what action the Town will take in reference to Water supply for the whole Town or any part thereof.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting copies attested by you in the following places, one in each of the Post Offices in the Town one in each of the Railroad Stations in the Town one each in the Stores of Tuttle Jones & Witherbee N.E. Taylor & Co C. B. Mead & Co and W. A. Littlefield seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Hereof feel not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands in Acton this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety four

Ed. F. Conrad } Selectmen  
Daniel J. Witherbee }  
Isaiah Butcher } Acton

This is to certify that attested copies of the within Warrant have been duly posted at the following places as directed. One in each of the Post Offices One in each of the Railroad Stations One each at the Stores of Tuttle Jones & Witherbee (see) Chas B Mead & Co. W. A. Littlefield and N. E. Taylor & Co  
Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1894 Wm J. Stevens

Constable of Acton



# Proceedings of Town Meeting held Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1894

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Acton held on Thursday Evening September 13<sup>th</sup> at seven o'clock the articles in the Warrant calling said meeting were acted upon in manner as follows

Art 1<sup>st</sup> Chose Luther Conant Esq Moderator.

who appointed the three Selectmen tellers and administered to them the required oath.

Art 2<sup>d</sup> Voted to discontinue as a public highway the road named in the 2<sup>d</sup> article from the quarry road to Westford line also to instruct the road commissioners to trim out the brush from said road and to place a notice at the entrance to said road from the Lunde road that the same is not a public highway.

Art 3<sup>d</sup> Voted to accept and to build the road as laid out by the Road Commissioners.

Art 4<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Town celebrate the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 1895 and Chose a Committee consisting of the Selectmen Hon John Fletcher Luther Conant Capt Frank Whitcomb C. W. Mead & Chas J Williams to make suitable preparation for the occasion the Committee to report to the Town at April meeting next. <sup>Amos C. Piper & Augustine Gosmer were added after names.</sup>

Art 5<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Town erect markers to designate places of historic interest in the Town One at the old Joseph Robbins place near the East Cemetery and one at the residence of V. B. Gould ~~was~~ the residence of Calvin Blanchard and Luther Blanchard in 1775.

Art 6<sup>th</sup> Voted to reconsider the vote referred to in Art 6<sup>th</sup> and Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to put in steam heat instead

Art 7<sup>th</sup> Voted to dismiss the 7<sup>th</sup> article.

Art 8<sup>th</sup> Voted to authorize the Selectmen and School Committee to purchase land in West Acton for school purposes at their discretion.

Art 9<sup>th</sup> Voted to dismiss the article.

Art 10 Voted to choose a committee to examine the sources from which a supply of water can be obtained, the most efficient and economical methods that can be employed to supply the several villages and the Town, including the expense of the necessary plant, and an analysis of the waters of Noyog and Fort Ponds with authority to employ an Engineer, said Committee to report at April meeting <sup>next</sup> and William D Tuttle Francis Conant & Delia Ball were chosen as that Committee.

Voted to adjourn without day.

attest William D. Tuttle  
Town Clerk

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# Warrant for November Meeting 1894.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the town of  
Acton in said County, Greeting,

You are hereby required in the name  
of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the  
inhabitants of the town of Acton and particularly the  
the legal voters thereof to meet at the Polling Places  
in the several precincts to which they respectively  
belong, on Tuesday the sixth day of November 1894  
at 11<sup>h</sup> 45<sup>m</sup> o'clock A.M. then and there to bring in their  
votes on one ballot for Representative in Congress -  
Governor Lieutenant Governor Councillor for sixth  
Middlesex district, Secretary of State Treasurer and  
Receiver General, Auditor of the Commonwealth -  
Attorney General, Senator for the fifth Middlesex  
district Representative in General Court for Thirtieth  
Middlesex District Register of Deeds for Middlesex County  
County Treasurer for Middlesex County County Commis-  
sioner for Middlesex County. Also on the same ballot  
to vote on the following article of Amendment to the  
Constitution relative to Commissioners of Insolvency  
"So much of Article 19 of the Articles of Amendment  
to the Constitution of the Commonwealth as is con-  
tained in the following words "Commissioners of  
Insolvency" is hereby annulled"

The polling places in the several precincts will  
be as follows.

In precinct One at the Town Hall.

In precinct Two at Exchange Hall So Acton

In precinct Three at G. H. R. Hall West Acton

The polls will be opened at 11<sup>h</sup> 45<sup>m</sup> A.M. and  
may be closed at 3<sup>h</sup> 45<sup>m</sup> o'clock P.M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting  
copies thereof attested by you One in each Post office  
One in each Railroad Station One at the Mayor

House and one each in the Stores of Tuttle Jones  
and Witherbee, H. A. Littlefield & Co. Head & Co. and  
Ab. E. Taylor & Co seven days at least before the  
time appointed for holding said meeting  
Hereof fail not and make due return of this  
Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen  
or Town Clerk, on or before the time for holding  
said meeting. Given under our hands in  
Acton eighteenth day of October in the year One  
thousand eight hundred and ninety four

E. Faulkner Constable } Selectmen of  
Daniel J. Witherbee } Acton  
Isaiah Newtons }

Constables return on back of Warrant  
"To the Town Clerk of Acton"

This is to certify that  
attested copies of the within warrant have been  
posted at the respective places as designated  
by the Selectmen" Wm. F. Stevens

Constable of Acton and.



# Proceedings & Results of November Election 1894

At the legal meetings of the Inhabitants of Acton and the legal voters thereof held in their several precincts numbered One, Two & Three on Tuesday the sixth day of November A.D. 1894, at 11<sup>h</sup> 45<sup>m</sup> o'clock A.M. <sup>the vote was as follows</sup> The returns of the Clerks of the said precincts were carefully examined compared and tabulated by the Selectmen and Town Clerk, and the total number of voters checked and the total number of Ballots cast in each of the said precincts, and the names and residences of all persons voted for and the number of votes cast for each of such persons, with the title of the office for which he was a candidate and the number of blank ballots for each office in each of the precincts aforesaid were as follows.

|                                       | Precincts |     |     | Total |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----|-----|-------|
|                                       | 1         | 2   | 3   |       |
| Number of Voters checked              | 106       | 128 | 117 | 351   |
| " " Ballots Cast                      | 106       | 128 | 117 | 351   |
| <b>For Governor</b>                   |           |     |     |       |
| George W. Cary of Lynn had            | 0         | 2   | 0   | 2     |
| Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell "    | 76        | 85  | 80  | 241   |
| Alfred W. Richardson of Springfield " | 1         | 2   | 9   | 12    |
| John E. Russell of Leicester "        | 25        | 36  | 28  | 89    |
| Blanks                                | 4         | 3   | 0   | 7     |
| <b>For Lieutenant Governor</b>        |           |     |     |       |
| Wilbert C. Dwinell of Danvers had     | 0         | 4   | 0   | 4     |
| Samuel B. Shapleigh of Boston "       | 3         | 1   | 7   | 11    |
| Charles E. Stratton of Boston "       | 24        | 34  | 24  | 82    |
| Roger Walcott of Boston "             | 74        | 86  | 85  | 245   |
| Blanks                                | 5         | 3   | 1   | 9     |
| <b>For Secretary</b>                  |           |     |     |       |
| Charles A. De Courcy of Lawrence      | 23        | 30  | 24  | 77    |
| Wilbert L. Farnham of Somerville      | 1         | 0   | 7   | 8     |
| William M. Olin of Boston             | 74        | 88  | 83  | 245   |
| Isaac W. Skinner of Broomfield        | 0         | 3   | 0   | 3     |
| Blanks                                | 8         | 7   | 3   | 18    |

## For Treasurer

|                                    |    |    |    |     |
|------------------------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| John M. Fisher of Attleborough had | 1  | 1  | 8  | 10  |
| James S. Grinnell of Greenfield "  | 24 | 33 | 27 | 84  |
| Martin W. Moran of Boston "        | 0  | 3  | 0  | 3   |
| Henry M. Phillips of Springfield " | 76 | 83 | 78 | 237 |
| Blanks                             | 5  | 6  | 4  | 15  |

## For Auditor

|  |    |    |    |     |
|--|----|----|----|-----|
| John W. Kimball of Fitchburg had       | 75 | 85 | 79 | 239 |
| Maurice W. Landers of Pittsfield "     | 0  | 3  | 1  | 4   |
| Wilbur M. Furrington of Williamsburg " | 1  | 1  | 7  | 9   |
| Alfred C. Whitney of Boston            | 23 | 31 | 25 | 79  |
| Blanks                                 | 7  | 8  | 5  | 20  |

## For Attorney General

|                                  |    |    |    |     |
|----------------------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Frank M. Forbush of Natick had   | 1  | 0  | 6  | 7   |
| Henry F. Hurlburt of Lynn "      | 23 | 31 | 26 | 80  |
| Moses M. Knowlton of New Bedford | 77 | 86 | 82 | 245 |
| James Sumner of Milton "         | 1  | 2  | 0  | 2   |
| Blanks                           | 4  | 8  | 4  | 16  |

## Councillor for 6<sup>th</sup> District

|                               |    |    |    |     |
|-------------------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Edwin F. Carr of Lawrence had | 0  | 2  | 0  | 2   |
| John M. Harlow of Woburn "    | 77 | 84 | 79 | 240 |
| Frank J. Simonds of Lowell "  | 25 | 31 | 29 | 85  |
| Blanks                        | 4  | 11 | 9  | 24  |

## For Senator

|                           |    |    |    |     |
|---------------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Arthur B. Beers of Dracut | 0  | 2  | 3  | 5   |
| George J. Burns of Ayer   | 76 | 82 | 75 | 233 |
| John P. Crane of Woburn   | 23 | 33 | 30 | 86  |
| Blanks                    | 7  | 11 | 9  | 27  |

|   |    |    |    |     |
|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Representative in Gen Court 30 <sup>th</sup> Middlesex Dist |    |    |    |     |
| J. Harry Endorff of Roxborough                              | 24 | 32 | 26 | 82  |
| Josiah P. Thacher of Littleton                              | 75 | 82 | 86 | 243 |
| Blanks  | 7  | 14 | 5  | 26  |

## For County Commissioner

|                               |    |    |    |     |
|-------------------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Peter A. Fay of Lowell had    | 26 | 33 | 26 | 85  |
| Samuel O. Upsham of Waltham " | 75 | 78 | 79 | 232 |
| Blanks                        | 5  | 17 | 12 | 34  |

## Precincts

| For County Treasurer                           | 1  | 2  | 3  | Total |
|--|----|----|----|-------|
| Joseph C. Houghton of Somerville had           | 75 | 83 | 77 | 235   |
| Alfred D. Hoitt of Arlington had               | 25 | 32 | 25 | 82    |
| Blanks   | 6  | 13 | 15 | 34    |
| For Register of Deeds                          |    |    |    |       |
| John H. Stattery of Malden had                 | 23 | 31 | 26 | 80    |
| Charles B. Stevens of Cambridge "              | 75 | 83 | 83 | 243   |
| Blanks   | 8  | 14 | 6  | 28    |
| For Representative in Congress Fourth District |    |    |    |       |
| Lewis Dewar of Andover had                     | 76 | 87 | 82 | 245   |
| John J. Desmond of Waltham                     | 24 | 31 | 29 | 84    |
| Bertram Sparhawk of Waltham                    | 0  | 2  | 1  | 3     |
| Blanks   | 6  | 8  | 5  | 19    |
| Constitutional Amendment                       |    |    |    |       |
| Yes  | 27 | 31 | 27 | 85    |
| No   | 15 | 6  | 4  | 25    |
| Blanks   | 64 | 91 | 86 | 241   |
| Attest William D. Tuttle                       |    |    |    |       |
| Town Clerk                                     |    |    |    |       |

We the undersigned Town Clerks of Acton Foxborough Carlisle Littleton Maynard and Stow comprising District No 30 of the County of Middlesex hereby certify that the whole number of Ballots cast in said district was Eleven hundred and ninety four that J. Barry Andorff of Foxborough had Three hundred and thirty one votes (331) and Josiah P. Thacher of Littleton had Seven hundred and seventy nine votes and that there were Eighty four blanks

Town Clerks of  
 William D. Tuttle Acton  
 Ephraim B. Cobleigh Foxborough  
 Warren B. Chamberlin Carlisle  
 Walter E. Conant Littleton  
 Henry Gates Maynard  
 Charles H. Persons Stow

Copy attested  
 W. D. Tuttle  
 Town Clerk

Representative Vote by Towns in 30<sup>th</sup> Dist

|            | J. B. Andorff | J. P. Thacher | Blanks |
|------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Acton      | 82            | 243           | 26     |
| Foxborough | 25            | 33            | 4      |
| Carlisle   | 10            | 37            | 9      |
| Littleton  | 22            | 136           | 11     |
| Maynard    | 160           | 254           | 24     |
| Stow       | 32            | 76            | 10     |
|            | 331           | 779           | 84     |



# April Meeting Warrant. 1895

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex ss. To either Constable of the Town of Acton, in the County of Middlesex Greeting: You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the first day of April A. D. 1895 at nine o'clock A. M. then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper Viz.

Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2 To see if the town will accept of the jury list as revised by the Selectmen.

Art. 3 To see if the town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee and other town officers or act anything thereon.

Art. 4 To choose all necessary town officers and committees.

Art. 5 To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money for the town if necessary in anticipation of the taxes for the current year.

Art. 6 To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes paid on or before Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Art. 7 To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of the Memorial Library the present year.

Art. 8 To see if the town will vote to sell the piece of land near the Monument House without any restrictions, or act anything thereon.

Art. 9 To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of schools the present year and how it shall be divided.

Art. 10 To see what amount of money the town will raise for school supplies the present year.

Art. 11 To see if the town will erect and maintain street lamps the present year or act anything thereon.

Art. 12 To vote yes or No in answer to the question. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town the present year?

Art. 13 To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor laws.

Art. 14 To see what amount of money the town will raise for the repairing of roads and bridges the present year.

Art. 15 To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the due observance of Memorial Day or act anything thereon.

Art. 16 To see if the town will vote to widen the road near the house of Chas. L. Davis as laid out by the Road Commissioners.

Art. 17 To see if the town will vote to discontinue a piece of road beginning at the North-west line of the Framingham & Lowell R.R. near the house of J. H. Standish to a point at or near the house of J. S. Sleeper or pass any votes thereon.

Art. 18 To hear and act upon the reports of any Committee chosen to report at this meeting or pass any votes thereon.

Art. 19<sup>th</sup> To see what action the town will take in reference to tramps.

- Art 20 To see what amount of money the town will raise for the celebration of the 19<sup>th</sup> of April
- Art 21 To see if the town will take any action in reference to the town's interest in Magog pond as a water supply or pass any votes thereon
- Art 22 To see if the town will build a road from a point near a house of Morris L. Tuttle to the Littleton town line at a point to connect with a proposed way in said town of Littleton to County road near Magog pond or take any action thereon
- Art 23 To see if the town will straighten the road leading from the Gould road in a Southeastly course to the Acton road, as laid out by the Road Commissioners
- Art 24 To see if the town will vote to sell the wood and lumber in Mt. Hope Cemetery or act anything thereon
- Art 25 To see if the town will authorize the school committee to provide suitable heating apparatus for the South and West schoolhouses or do or act anything thereon
- Art 26 To see if the town will vote to enlarge the school building at South Acton or do or act anything thereon
- Art 27 To see if the town will vote to sell the town farm or act anything thereon
- Art 28 To see what amount of money the town will raise to defray town charges the present year.
- Art 29 To see if the town will vote to sell the South east schoolhouse or act anything thereon

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting copies attested by you in the following places: one in each of the Post Offices <sup>in the</sup> town, one in each of the Railroad Stations in the town one in each of the Stores of Tuttle, Jones and Wetherbee M. E. Taylor and Co H. A. Littlefield, and C. H. Mead and Co and one at the Magog House, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time for holding said meeting given under our hands in Acton, this fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety five

E. Faulkner Conant.  
Daniel J. Wetherbee  
Isaiah W. Hutchins  
Selectmen of Acton

This is to certify that copies of the within warrant have been posted at the several places as designated by the Selectmen seven days before the time appointed for holding said meeting

Wm. F. Stevens  
Constable of Acton  
Acton March 22<sup>d</sup> 1895



# Proceedings of April Meeting 1895

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Aceton held on Monday the first day of April 1895 at 9 o'clock in the forenoon at their Town Hall in pursuance of a Warrant calling the same the articles in said Warrant were acted upon in manner as follows.

Art 1<sup>st</sup> Luther Conant Esq. was chosen Moderator

At this stage of the proceedings the moderator appointed E. F. Conant and Isaiah Hutchesins tellers and D. J. Wetherbee to have charge of the Ballot box, and administered to them the oath

Art 2<sup>nd</sup> The jury list was read by the Moderator and after voting to strike off the name of William F. Richardson the list was adopted

Art 3 Voted that the several reports of Town officers be accepted

Art 4 The following officers and committees were elected.

F. C. Nash Reuben L. Reed Rev. F. P. Wood and Rev. Eric Lindh committee on enforcement of the liquor law.

Town Clerk. William D. Tuttle

Mr Tuttle having served the Town continuously for 40 years as Town Clerk declined further service. It was voted that he be requested to withdraw his resignation and serve another year. He however declined and a vote of thanks was tendered him for the faithful and efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of his office and Horace F. Tuttle was chosen Town Clerk & sworn by Moderator

Selectmen E. Franklin Conant  
Daniel J. Wetherbee  
Isaiah Hutchesins.

# Proceedings of April Meeting 1895

Assessors. Anson C. Piper & James B. Tuttle

Overseers of the Poor Lyman Tuttle  
Edwin C. Parker  
Abner A. Reed

Town Treasurer Jonas R. W. Wetherbee

Auditor Hiram J. Hapgood

Collector of Taxes. William F. Stevens

Member of School Committee Isaiah Hutchesins

Trustee of Memorial Library William D. Tuttle

Road Commissioner Nahum Littlefield

Cemetery Committee

Levi M. Stevens John Fletcher Horace F. Tuttle

Constables

James Hinsley Edwin A. Phalen Reuben L. Reed  
William F. Stevens

Fence Viewers

Daniel W. Farrar Reuben L. Reed John R. Boughton

Surveyors of Wood Lumber Hoops & Staves

Augustus Fletcher Ed. F. Richardson Jonas P. Fletcher

Herbert T. Clark Edgar W. Hall, Chas. W. Pitman

George W. Harris James E. Billings

Art 5 Voted That the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow, in anticipation of taxes for the year 1895, such sums of money as may be needed from time to time for the current expenses of the Town paying therefor the current market rate of interest giving the note or notes of the Town therefor signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by at least a majority of the Selectmen, to be paid from the taxes to be raised in the year 1895

# Proceedings of April Meeting 1895

Art 6<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Collector be instructed to allow a discount of six per cent on all taxes assessed the current year and paid to him on or before Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1895.

Art 7<sup>th</sup> Voted that the salary of the tax collector be fixed at One hundred and fifty dollars the same being for the performance of all duties usually performed by the collector including the posting of the Town warrants

Art 7<sup>th</sup> Voted <sup>to raise</sup> the sum of \$400 for running expenses and \$150 for the purchase of Books for the Library.

Art 8<sup>th</sup> Voted not to sell the land in question except upon condition that no fence building or other structure whatever shall be erected within or upon the granted premises but that the same shall be kept as a lawn for ornamental purposes.

Art 9<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise for Common Schools twenty eight hundred dollars.

Voted to raise Sixteen hundred dollars for the High School.

For transportation of pupils in S.E. district One hundred and eighty dollars.

For transportation of High School scholars Five hundred and seventy five dollars

For Scientific Apparatus One hundred dollars

" Salary of Superintendent Four hundred and seventy five dollars.

For School Supplies Four hundred and seventy five dollars all the sum <sup>which</sup> ~~shall~~ be raised by taxation.

Voted that the money raised for schools be divided by the School Committee

# Proceedings of April Meeting 1895

Art 9 Voted to continue the union with the towns of West Brookfield and Sturbridge and employ a Superintendent of schools

Art 10<sup>th</sup> see vote on Art 9

Art 11 Voted to raise Three hundred fifty dollars for lighting streets.

Art 12<sup>th</sup> Heard the report of the Committee on the enforcement of the liquor law through F. E. Nash and then proceeded to vote on the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town the present year" with the following result Yes votes 61 No votes 172.

Art 13 Voted to appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars for the enforcement of the liquor law the present year.

Art 14 Voted to raise Twenty three hundred dollars to repair roads and bridges

Art 15 Voted to appropriate One hundred dollars for Memorial day

" 16 Voted to widen the road as laid out by the road commissioners

" 17 Voted to dismiss the article

" 18 The report of the Committee on Water Supply was presented and accepted Voted that Benson A. Littlefield and D. J. Witherbee be added to the present committee and this committee be instructed to employ a competent engineer to examine the sources of Water Supply, make plans estimates of cost, also to ascertain the number of persons in town who will take water and submit their report to the town in print as soon as ready



Proceedings of April Meeting 1895  
 Act 19<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Overseers of the Poor  
 be authorized to require a permit and a  
 reasonable amount of labor of all tramps  
 applying for food and lodging at the  
 Town Farm.

Act 20<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise five hundred dollars  
 for the celebration of the 19<sup>th</sup> of April

" 21<sup>st</sup> Voted that the Selectmen with Luther  
 Conant and John Filaticz be a committee  
 to protect the interest of the town of Acton  
 in Nagog pond as a source of water  
 supply with authority to employ counsel.

" 22<sup>nd</sup> Voted to dismiss this article

" 23<sup>rd</sup> Voted to dismiss this article

" 24<sup>th</sup> Voted to instruct the Cemetery Committee  
 not to cut any trees in Mt. Hope Cemetery

" 25<sup>th</sup> Voted to appropriate Seven hundred and  
 fifty dollars for suitable heating apparatus  
 for the South and West School Houses

" 26<sup>th</sup> Voted to refer this article to the Selectmen  
 with authority to procure plans, to report  
 to the Town at some future meeting

" 27<sup>th</sup> A motion to sell the Town Farm did  
 not prevail.

" 28<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise Six thousand dollars to  
 defray town charges.

" 29<sup>th</sup> Voted to dismiss this article

Voted that the Chairman of the board of  
 Selectmen be a committee to carry out the  
 vote of the Town passed at a meeting held  
 April 1894 in reference to marking the graves  
 of Revolutionary and other soldiers

Voted to accept the picture presented to the  
 Town by Col. Law and that the Town Clerk be  
 instructed to return him a letter of thanks for  
 the same.

Warrant for the Annual State Election  
 November 5 1895

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
 Middlesex, ss. To either of the Constables  
 of the Town of Acton in said county  
 Greeting: You are hereby required in the  
 name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Acton  
 and particularly the legal voters thereof to  
 meet at the polling places in the several  
 precincts to which they respectively belong  
 on Tuesday the fifth day of November 1895  
 at 11.45 o'clock A.M. Then and there to  
 bring in their votes on one ballot for  
 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Councillor  
 for Sixth Middlesex District Secretary of State  
 Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of  
 the Commonwealth Attorney General Senator  
 for Fifth Middlesex District Representative in  
 General Court for thirtieth Middlesex District  
 County Commissioner for Middlesex County  
 Sheriff for Middlesex County Two Special  
 Commissioners for Middlesex County and  
 District Attorney. Also to vote yes or no  
 on the question of granting municipal  
 suffrage to women. The polling places in the  
 several precincts will be as follows.

In Precinct 1 at the Town Hall

In Precinct 2 at Exchange Hall South Acton

In Precinct 3 at G. A. R. Hall West Acton

The polls will be open at 11.45 o'clock A.M.  
 and may be closed at 3.45 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant  
 by posting copies thereof, attested by you,  
 one in each Post Office one in each, one in  
 each Railroad Station, one in the office

of J. J. Hastings and Co, one at the  
Magoy House, and one in each of the  
Stores of Sedgwick, Jones and Wetherbee,  
H. A. Littlefield, C. H. Mead & Co and  
M. E. Taylor and Co seven days at least  
before the time appointed for holding said  
meeting.

They fail not, and make due return of this  
Warrant with your doings thereon to the  
Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the  
time for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands, in Acton the  
twenty-second day of October in the year  
One thousand Eight hundred and Ninety-five  
E. Faulkner Conant } Selectmen  
Daniel J. Wetherbee } of  
Isaiah Hutchins } Acton

This is to certify, that properly attested  
copies of the within warrant have been posted  
in the different places as designated by the  
Warrant seven days before the time appointed  
for holding said meetings.

Wm. J. Stevens

Constable of Acton

Acton Mass Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1895

# Annual State Election 1895

All legal meetings of the inhabitants of the  
Town of Acton held in their several precincts  
on Tuesday the fifth day of November 1895  
at 11.45 o'clock A.M. The returns of the Clerks  
of said precincts were canvassed by the Selectmen  
and Town Clerk and the total number of  
voters checked, the total number of ballots cast,  
in each of the precincts, the names and  
residences of all persons voted for, the number  
of votes received for each person, the title of  
the office for which he was proposed, and  
the number of blank ballots for each office  
in each of the precincts were as follows:

|                                     | Precinct |     |     | Total |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-----|-----|-------|
| Number of male voters checked.      | 104      | 113 | 108 | 325   |
| Number of female voters checked.    | 2        | 5   | 13  | 20    |
| " " male votes cast                 | 104      | 113 | 108 | 325   |
| " " female votes cast               | 2        | 5   | 13  | 20    |
| For Governor                        |          |     |     |       |
| Elbridge Gerry Brown of Brockton    |          | 2   |     | 2     |
| Frederick F. Greenhalge of Lowell   | 74       | 78  | 81  | 233   |
| Edward Kendall of Cambridge         | 1        | 3   | 6   | 10    |
| George Fred Williams of Dedham      | 25       | 26  | 18  | 69    |
| Blanks.                             | 4        | 4   | 3   | 11    |
| Lieutenant Governor                 |          |     |     |       |
| Thomas C. Buddington of Springfield | 1        | 2   |     | 3     |
| James S. Grinnell of Greenfield     | 23       | 28  | 18  | 69    |
| Patrick J. O'Sail of Boston         | 1        | 1   |     | 2     |
| Edward S. Rogers of Lee             | 1        | 3   | 6   | 10    |
| Roger Wolcott of Boston             | 75       | 73  | 81  | 229   |
| Blanks.                             | 3        | 6   | 3   | 12    |
| Secretary                           |          |     |     |       |
| Edward J. Flynn of Boston           | 24       | 25  | 18  | 67    |
| Charles D. Nash of Whitman          |          | 3   |     | 3     |
| William M. Olin of Boston           | 74       | 79  | 80  | 233   |
| Willard O. Wylic of Essex           | 1        | 6   |     | 7     |



|   | 1  | 2  | 3  | Total |
|---|----|----|----|-------|
| Blanks.   | 5  | 6  | 4  | 15    |
| <i>Treasurer</i>  |    |    |    |       |
| Martin W. Moran of Boston   | 2  | 2  |    | 2     |
| Willbur M. Curington of Williamsburg                              | 1  |    | 5  | 6     |
| Edward P. Shaw of Newburyport                                     | 73 | 75 | 81 | 229   |
| Eben S. Stearns of Dudley   | 26 | 27 | 17 | 70    |
| Charles A. Wentworth of Lynn.                                     |    | 1  | 1  | 2     |
| Blanks  | 41 | 8  | 4  | 16    |
| <i>Auditor</i>  |    |    |    |       |
| John W. Kimball of Fitchburg                                      | 72 | 76 | 80 | 228   |
| Andrew H. Paton of Danvers  |    | 2  |    | 2     |
| Herman F. Regnier of Atholborough                                 | 1  | 1  | 3  | 5     |
| Alfred C. Whitney of Boston                                       | 27 | 28 | 18 | 73    |
| Blanks  | 4  | 6  | 7  | 17    |
| <i>Attorney General.</i>  |    |    |    |       |
| Frank M. Forbush of Natick  | 1  | 1  | 6  | 8     |
| Henry F. Hurlbut of Lynn.   | 28 | 25 | 18 | 71    |
| Kosca M. Knowlton of New Bedford                                  | 69 | 78 | 75 | 222   |
| Squire E. Putney of Somerville                                    |    |    | 1  | 1     |
| Conrad Reno of Boston   |    | 1  |    | 1     |
| Blanks  | 6  | 8  | 8  | 22    |
| <i>Councillor</i>   |    |    |    |       |
| John M. Harlow of Woburn  | 73 | 80 | 79 | 232   |
| Olin A. Libby of Lowell.  | 24 | 26 | 19 | 69    |
| Blanks  | 7  | 7  | 10 | 24    |
| <i>Senator (Fifth Middlesex District)</i>                         |    |    |    |       |
| George J. Burns of Ayer   | 71 | 78 | 79 | 228   |
| James H. Connolly of Woburn                                       | 27 | 23 | 19 | 69    |
| Blanks  | 6  | 12 | 10 | 28    |
| <i>Representative in General Court</i><br>30th Middlesex District |    |    |    |       |
| Frank A. Patch of Boxborough.                                     | 79 | 85 | 89 | 253   |
| Herman Chaplin of Acton   |    |    | 1  | 1     |
| Blanks  | 25 | 28 | 18 | 71    |

|                                     | 1  | 2  | 3  | Total |
|-------------------------------------|----|----|----|-------|
| <i>District Attorney</i>            |    |    |    |       |
| Freeman Hunt of Cambridge           | 24 | 26 | 17 | 67    |
| Fred N. Wier of Lowell.             | 72 | 76 | 77 | 225   |
| Blanks.                             | 8  | 11 | 14 | 33    |
| <i>County Commissioner</i>          |    |    |    |       |
| Francis Bigelow of Natick           | 72 | 77 | 79 | 228   |
| Peter A. Fay of Lowell.             | 25 | 27 | 18 | 70    |
| Blanks                              | 7  | 9  | 11 | 27    |
| <i>Special Commissioners</i>        |    |    |    |       |
| Lyman Dike of Stoughton             | 67 | 69 | 70 | 206   |
| John A. Gately of Lowell.           | 21 | 18 | 17 | 56    |
| Edward C. Thompson of Woburn        | 43 | 52 | 53 | 148   |
| Med. W. Trowbridge 2d of Hudson.    | 25 | 24 | 12 | 61    |
| Blanks.                             | 52 | 63 | 64 | 179   |
| <i>Sheriff</i>                      |    |    |    |       |
| Henry G. Cushing of Lowell.         | 73 | 80 | 83 | 236   |
| Frank J. Simonds of Lowell          | 27 | 27 | 17 | 71    |
| Blanks.                             | 4  | 6  | 8  | 18    |
| <i>Municipal Suffrage for Women</i> |    |    |    |       |
| Male votes. Yes.                    | 13 | 23 | 29 | 65    |
| " " No.                             | 71 | 60 | 50 | 181   |
| Female votes Yes.                   | 0  | 5  | 12 | 17    |
| " " No.                             | 2  |    | 1  | 3     |
| Blanks.                             | 20 | 30 | 29 | 79    |

attest  
 Horace F. Tuttle,  
 Town Clerk.

We the undersigned, Clerks of the Towns of Acton, Buxton, Littleton Carlisle Maynard and Stow, comprising the 30th Middlesex Representative District do certify that the following is a true schedule of all the votes cast for Representatives in General Court in said District at the State Election November 5<sup>th</sup> 1895

Frank A. Patch Scattering Blanks Total of Buxton.

|           |     |    |     |      |
|-----------|-----|----|-----|------|
| Acton     | 253 | 1  | 71  | 325  |
| Buxton    | 32  | 4  | 21  | 57   |
| Carlisle  | 38  | 5  | 26  | 69   |
| Littleton | 137 | 1  | 14  | 152  |
| Maynard   | 266 | 10 | 156 | 432  |
| Stow      | 77  | 3  | 41  | 121  |
|           | 803 | 24 | 329 | 1156 |

Horace T. Tuttle Town Clerk of Acton

Ephraim B. Cobleigh Buxton  
Warren B. Chamberlain Carlisle  
Waldo E. Conant Littleton  
Charles H. Persons Maynard  
Henry Gates Stow

Special Meeting December 17<sup>th</sup> 1895  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex ss.  
To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex, Greeting  
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the seventeenth day of December A. D. 1895 at one o'clock P. M.

Then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper. Viz.  
Article 1 To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

Art. 2 To see if the Town will vote to widen maple street in South Acton as laid out by the Road Commissioners  
Art. 3 To hear the report of the Committee on Water supply and act anything thereon.

Art. 4 To see if the Town will vote yes or no by ballot to choose a committee to secure necessary legislation to put water supply in the Town.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies attested by you in the following places: One in each of the Post Office and Railroad Stations in the town, one in each of the stores of M. E. Taylor & Co. Tuttle Jones & Methurbee, C. H. Mead & Co. and H. A. Littlefield and one in the office of J. J. Hastings & Co. seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting, Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with



your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands in Acton this fifth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety five

E. Faulkner, Conant.

David J. Wetherbee

Isaiah Hutchins.

Selectmen of Acton

This is to certify that copies of the within Warrant duly attested by me have been posted in the several places as designated by the Selectmen seven days before the time for holding said meeting.

Wm. F. Stevens

Acton Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1895 Constable of Acton

Proceedings of Meeting December 17<sup>th</sup> 1895  
At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Acton held on Tuesday the seventeenth day of December 1895 at one o'clock P.M. the articles in the Warrant were acted upon as follows viz:

Art. 1. Luther Conant was chosen Moderator

Art. 2. Voted to accept and adopt the widening and laying out of Maple Street in South Acton by the Road Commissioners and that they be instructed to carry out the work.

Art. 3 Voted to accept the report of the Committee on Water Supply

Art. 4 Voted to choose a committee to procure necessary legislation to put Water Supply in the Town.

Voted to reconsider the last vote and discuss the articles. Voted to allow Mr. Frank Hayward of Whitman and Mr. Fuller the engineer ten minutes each to address the meeting.

Voted that the vote on the motion to choose a committee to procure necessary legislation to put Water Supply in town be taken by ballot. Yes and No.

Isaiah Hutchins and E. Faulkner Conant were appointed tellers and sworn by the Moderator.

The result of balloting was 126 yes 132 No

It was moved that a vote of thanks be given to the Water Committee for their services and that this vote be inscribed on the town records the motion was unanimously carried. Voted to adjourn. sine die

a true record attest

Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk

Warrant for the Annual Meeting 1896  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Middlesex, ss.  
To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in  
the County of Middlesex Greeting:  
You are hereby required in the name of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify the inhab-  
itants of the Town of Acton, qualified to vote in  
elections and town affairs to assemble in the  
Town Hall in said town on Monday the sixth  
day of April A.D. 1896 at nine o'clock A.M.  
then and there to act upon the following articles as they  
may think proper, viz:

- Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said  
meeting  
Art. 2 To see if the town will accept the reports of the  
Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee  
and other town officers  
Art. 3 To choose all necessary town officers and  
committees and fix salaries  
Art. 4 To see if the town will accept of the jury list  
as revised by the selectmen  
Art. 5 To see if the town will vote to sell the school  
house in the south-east part of the town or  
act anything thereon  
Art. 6 To see if the town will authorize the treasurer  
with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow  
money for the town if necessary in anticipation  
of the taxes for the current year  
Art. 7 To see if the town will accept the endowment  
of the Acton Memorial Library by the  
Hon. W.<sup>m</sup> A. Wilde with the conditions  
attached or act anything thereon  
Art. 8 To see if the town will vote to sell the Town  
Farm or act anything thereon  
Art. 9 To see if the town will vote to buy another  
farm for the care of the poor.

- Art. 10 To see if the town will vote to lay out \$500.  
for repairs on town farm buildings  
Art. 11 To see if the town will vote to discontinue all  
the pieces of roads, in front of Levermore Bros.  
House, south of Lowell road except the one  
leading to the town farm road or act  
anything thereon  
Art. 12 To see if the town will vote to straighten and  
repair the road leading from the Puffer place  
so called to the Acton road as petitioned to and  
laid out by the Road Commissioners  
Art. 13 To see what amount of money the town will  
raise for the repairing of roads and bridges  
the present year  
Art. 14 To see if the town will raise the sum of \$500.  
for the repair of the road between the houses  
of Patrick O'Sullivan East Acton and Anson  
Ripstein South Acton or take any action thereon  
Art. 15 To see if the town will allow a discount on  
taxes paid on or before Nov 1<sup>st</sup> or act anything  
thereon  
Art. 16 To see what amount of money the town will  
raise for the support of Memorial Library  
the present year  
Art. 17 To hear and act upon the report of any  
committee chosen to report at this meeting  
Art. 18 To see what amount of money the town will  
for the support of schools the present year or  
act anything thereon  
Art. 19 To see what amount of money the town will  
raise for school supplies the present year  
Art. 20 To see if the town will maintain street lamps  
the present year or act anything thereon  
Art. 21 To vote "yes" or "no" in answer to the question  
"Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors  
in the town the present year?"



- Art 22 To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor law.
- Art 23 To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the due observance of Memorial Day or act anything thereon
- Art 24 To see what action the town will take in reference to tramps
- Art 25 To see if the town will vote to build a piece of road from the road leading from West Acton to Shaw at a point near the residence of Levi W. Stevens, past A. F. Blanchard's new houses to the road leading from the Leland place to the Bortor road, as petitioned to and laid out by the Road Commissioners or act anything thereon
- Art 26 To see if the town will vote to build a piece of road from the road leading from West to South Acton at a point nearly opposite W. A. Bros. Mill to the new road near the residence of John Vose as petitioned to and laid out by the Road Commissioners or act anything thereon
- Art 27 To see if the town will vote to buy a stone crusher or act anything thereon
- Art 28 To see what amount of money the town will raise to defray town charges the present year
- Art 29 To see if the town will vote to repair and paint the inside of the town hall or act anything thereon
- Art 30 To see if the town will vote to enlarge the school grounds in South Acton or act anything thereon
- Art 31 To see if the town will raise the sum of \$200. to repair the road leading from South Acton past the residence of W. S. Warren to Fletcher corner or act anything thereon
- Art 32 To see if the town will raise the sum of \$250.

to repair the road from the residence of E. H. Cutler to the turnpike road or act anything thereon

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies attested by you in the following places: One in each of the Post Offices in town One in each of the Railroad Stations in the town, one in each of the stores of Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee, M. E. Taylor & Co. W. A. Littlefield C. W. Mead & Co. one at the Magog House and one in the office of F. J. Hastings & Co. seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time for holding said meeting

Given under our hands in Acton this eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety six

E. Faulkner, Conant.  
Isaiah Hutchins

Selectmen of Acton

This is to certify that duly attested copies of the within warrant have been posted in the following places seven days before the time appointed for holding said meeting, one in each of the railroad stations one in each of the Post Offices in said town, one in each of the stores of Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee, C. W. Mead & Co. M. E. Taylor & Co. W. A. Littlefield one at the Magog House and one at the office of F. J. Hastings and Co.

W. S. Stevens  
Acton March 26<sup>th</sup> 1896. Constable of Acton





to borrow in anticipation of taxes for the year 1896. Such sums of money as may be needed from time to time for the current expenses of the town paying therefor the current market rate of interest giving the note or notes of the Town therefor signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by at least a majority of the Selectmen, to be paid from the taxes to be raised in the year 1896.

Art. 7. The following resolution and vote was passed Resolved that We the citizens and legal voters of Acton in Town meeting assembled, fully recognize the abounding liberality of our esteemed friend and former townsman Hon. Wm. F. Wilde both in what he has done in the past, and in what he proposes to do in the future to promote the educational interests of his native town of which the Acton Memorial Library with its treasures of Art and Literature is the visible exponent and we gladly accept his proposal to cooperate with the town in enlarging the usefulness of the Library and placing its future prosperity on a more secure foundation by establishing a generous endowment fund the income to be used in the purchase of books and periodicals for the Library and We do hereby vote to accept the gift on the conditions named in his letter to the Trustees a copy of which is printed in our annual report for 1895.

Art. 8 Voted to sell the Town Farm. Voted that the Overseers of the Poor ascertain on what terms the present farm can be sold, and another farm purchased and report at a future meeting.

Art. 9. Vote to pass over the article.

Art. 10. Voted that repairs be left discretionary with the Overseers of the Poor.

Art. 11 Voted to refer to Road Commissioners with power to act.

Art. 12. Voted to pass over the article.

Art. 13. Voted to raise Three thousand dollars \$3000.

Art. 14. Voted to refer to the Road Commissioners.

Art. 15 Voted to allow a discount of 5% on all taxes paid on or before Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1896.

Art. 16 Voted to raise \$400. Four hundred dollars for the running expenses of the Memorial Library and \$200. Two hundred dollars for the purchase of books and magazines.

Art. 17 Heard the report of the Selectmen relating to additional school room at South Acton Voted to refer the matter to a joint Committee of the Selectmen and School Committee.

2) Heard the report of the Committee chosen to protect the town's interest in Nagog Pond as a source of water supply voted to continue said Committee another year. Heard & accepted report of Committee on the celebration of May 19.

3) Heard and accepted the report of the Committee on the enforcement of the liquor law.

Art. 18 Voted to raise \$6,040. Six thousand and forty dollars as recommended by the School Committee for the support of schools.

Art. 19. Voted to pass over the article.

Art. 20. Voted to raise \$400. Four hundred dollars for the maintenance of street lamps.

Art. 21 Total number of ballots cast One hundred twenty-three. Yes Twenty (20) No One hundred and three (103)

Art. 22. Voted to appropriate 500 Five hundred dollars for the enforcement of the liquor law.

Art. 23 Voted to appropriate 50. Fifty dollars for the observance of Memorial day.

Art. 24 Voted that the Overseers of the Poor cause notices to be printed and posted the same as last year with the addition of the law against vagrancy and that the law be enforced.

Art. 25 Voted to accept the laying out of a piece

of road in West Acton from the Stone road near the house of Levi W. Stearns, past several new houses erected by A. J. Blanchard to the road leading from the Borbona road to the Leland place by the Road Commissioners

Voted to raise \$500. Five hundred dollars to build the same

Voted that the Road Commissioners build said road

Art. 26. Voted to dismiss the article

Art. 27. Voted to dismiss the article

Art. 28 Voted to raise \$6000. Six thousand dollars to pay town charges.

Art. 29. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to make such repairs on the interior of the Town Hall as they may think proper.

Art. 30 Voted to refer the matter to the Selectmen to ascertain the cost of land, and report at a future meeting

Art. 31 Voted to refer to Road Commissioners

Art. 32 Voted to refer to Road Commissioners

A vote of thanks was passed to the ladies of the Village Improvement Society for the excellent dinner provided by them and the moderator appoint DeLette & Hall a committee to convey said vote.

Voted to adjourn. Sine die.

A true record attest

Horace J. Tuttle,

Town Clerk.

Warrant for Special Meeting June 23<sup>d</sup> 1896.  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to assemble in lower town hall in said town on Tuesday the twenty third day of June A. D. 1896 at seven o'clock P. M.

Then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper. viz:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

Art. 2. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for grading the land around the West Acton school house, or act anything thereon

Art. 3 To see if the town will instruct the Road Commissioners to prohibit the dumping of debris and refuse matter in the public highways of Acton or act anything thereon

Art. 4 To hear and act upon the report of the Committee chosen in reference to purchasing additional land for school grounds in South Acton

Art. 5 To hear and act upon the report of the committee chosen in reference to enlarging the South Acton school-house

Art. 6 To see what action the town will take in reference to a water supply for the town, from Nagog Pond.

Art. 7 To see if the town will vote to widen and straighten the road from the Puffer place so called, to the road leading from.



South Acton to Acton Center as laid out by the Road Commissioners or act anything thereon

Art. 8 To see if the town will appropriate an additional sum of five hundred dollars for the support of the high school.

Art. 9 To hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen to report at this meeting

Art. 10 To see if the town will authorize the transfer of certain funds from one account to another or take any action thereon

Art. 11 To see if the town will vote to discontinue certain pieces of highway at the east end of the common in the center of the town as recommended by the Road Commissioners or take any action thereon

Art. 12 To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to repair the Town Farm Buildings

Art. 13 To see if the town will vote to discontinue a piece of road beginning at the Northwest line of the Framingham & Lowell railroad near the house of J. H. Standish to a point at or near the house of S. S. Sleeper or pass any vote thereon

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies attested by you in the following places, one in each of the Post Offices in the town one at each of the Railroad Stations in the town one in each of the stores of Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee M. E. Taylor & Co. H. A. Littlefield C. H. Mead & Co. one at the Magog House, and one at the office of J. J. Hastings & Co. seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with you doing thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time for holding said meeting

Given under our hands in Acton this eleventh day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ninety six

E. Trunkner Conant } Selectmen  
D. James Wetherbee }  
Isaiah Hutchins }

This is to certify that attested copies of the within warrant have been posted as directed by the Selectmen seven days before the time for holding said meeting  
J. J. Stevens

Acton June 15<sup>th</sup> 1896. Constable of Acton

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Acton held on Tuesday the twenty third day of June 1896. the articles on the warrant were acted upon as follows viz:

Art. 1 Chas. Luther Conant moderator  
Lyman Taylor and Abram Tuttle were sworn as tellers

Art. 2 Voted to appropriate fifty dollars to finish grading the West School house grounds

Art. 3 Voted to prohibit the dumping of debris or refuse matter in the public highways without consent of the Road Commissioners

Art. 4 Voted to dismiss the article

Art. 5 Voted to accept the report of the Committee  
Voted to dismiss the article

Art. 6 Voted to dismiss the article

Art. 7 Voted to dismiss the article

Art. 8 Voted to dismiss the article

Art. 9 Voted to accept the report of the Overseers of the Poor in relation to selling the Town Farm  
Voted to pass over the article

Art. 10 Voted not to transfer said funds

Art. 11 Voted to discontinue the pieces of road described in Article 11<sup>th</sup>

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(continued)

Art 12, Voted that repairs on the Town Farm buildings be limited to shingling and necessary repairs on cow-barn.

Art 13 Voted to dismiss

Voted to adjourn sine die

A true record.

attest Horace F Tuttle Clerk.

Acton April 23<sup>d</sup> 1896.

This certifies that Julius Tuttle was appointed a Registrar of voters for the Town of Acton for three years from May 1<sup>st</sup> 1896

E. Faulkner Conant } Selectmen  
D. James Withers } of Acton  
Isaiah Beddins }

Warrant for State Election Nov. 3<sup>d</sup> 1896.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex. S. S.  
To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in said County greeting: -

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Acton and particularly the legal voters thereof to meet at the following places in the several precincts to which they respectively belong on Tuesday the third day of November 1896 at 11, 45 & o'clock A. M. Then and there to bring in their votes on one ballot for Electors of President and Vice President, Representatives in Congress, Governor, Secretary of State, Lieut Governor, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of the Commonwealth, Attorney General, Councilor for the Sixth Middlesex District, Representative in General Court for twenty third Middlesex District, County Commissioner for Middlesex County, Clerk of Courts for Middlesex County. Then to vote on the following articles of amendment to the constitution, First article of amendment. Shall the proposed article of amendment to the constitution establishing biennial elections of State officers be approved and ratified? Second article of amendment. Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution establishing biennial elections of Members of the General Court be approved and ratified? The polling places in the several precincts will be as follows. Precinct One, at the Town Hall, in Precinct Two, in the Vestry of the Universalist Church South Acton, in Precinct Three, in the School House West Acton. The polls will be opened at 11, 45 & o'clock A. M. and may be closed at 3, 45 & o'clock P. M.



And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting copies thereof attested by you in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations in town, one in the office of T. J. Hastings & Co one at the Magaz House, and one in each of the stores of J. B. Weston, Little Jones & Wetherbee, M. E. Taylor & Co and H. A. Littlefield seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meetings hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time for holding said meetings.

Given under our hands in Acton the fifteenth day of October in the year One thousand Eight hundred and Ninety Six

E. Faulkner, Conant, } Selectmen  
D. James Wetherbee } of Acton  
Isaiah Hutchins }

This certifies that attested copies of the within warrant have been posted in the several places as directed by the Selectmen seven days before the time for holding said meeting.

Wm. F. Stearns Constable of Acton Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 1896.

# Proceedings of Meetings

Held Nov. 3 1896 in  
Precincts Numbers One, Two, and Three.

| Votes   | Precinct | 1  | 2 | 3  | Total |
|---|----------|----|---|----|-------|
| For Presidential Electors                     |          | 16 |   |    |       |
| Bryan and Sewall. Democratic                  |          |    |   |    |       |
| Ernest C. Marshall.                           |          | 16 | 9 | 12 | 37    |
| Samuel W. Kenney                              |          | 16 | 9 | 12 | 37    |
| William B. Mahoney                            |          | 16 | 9 | 12 | 37    |
| Joseph F. Callanan.                           |          | 16 | 9 | 12 | 37    |
| Leri Barker                                   |          | 16 | 9 | 12 | 37    |
| Henry J. Jaguith                              |          | 16 | 9 | 12 | 37    |
| Michael O. Mahoney                            |          | 16 | 9 | 12 | 37    |
| James P. Dearborn                             |          | 16 | 9 | 12 | 37    |
| Edward B. Sturball.                           |          | 16 | 9 | 12 | 37    |
| John P. McCormick                             |          | 16 | 9 | 12 | 37    |
| James J. Lanigan                              |          | 16 | 9 | 12 | 37    |
| Quincy A. Lathrop                             |          | 16 | 9 | 12 | 37    |
| William D. Leahy                              |          | 16 | 9 | 12 | 37    |
| Francis A. Hobart                             |          | 16 | 9 | 12 | 37    |
| Thomas J. Meaney                              |          | 16 | 9 | 12 | 37    |
| Bryan and Sewall. Dem. Bryan.<br>Term. Paper. |          |    |   |    |       |
| Henry Winn                                    |          | 4  | 1 | 4  | 9     |
| Frank S. Gross.                               |          | 4  | 1 | 4  | 9     |
| William M. E. Miller.                         |          | 4  | 1 | 4  | 9     |
| Enoch Earle                                   |          | 4  | 1 | 4  | 9     |
| Harry J. Jaguith                              |          | 4  | 1 | 4  | 9     |
| James E. Donoghue                             |          | 4  | 1 | 4  | 9     |
| Thomas Sandus                                 |          | 4  | 1 | 4  | 9     |
| William J. Brickley                           |          | 4  | 1 | 4  | 9     |
| William J. Burke                              |          | 4  | 1 | 4  | 9     |
| Quincy A. Lathrop                             |          | 4  | 1 | 4  | 9     |
| James Jeffrey Roche.                          |          | 4  | 1 | 4  | 9     |
| Francis A. Hobart                             |          | 4  | 1 | 4  | 9     |
| Chas. H. Lane.                                |          | 4  | 1 | 4  | 9     |
| Lexington and Johnson. Prohibition            |          |    |   |    |       |
| Edward Kendall.                               |          | 1  | 0 | 3  | 4     |

| Precinct                                    | 1   | 2   | 3   | Total |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Alfred W. Richardson                        | 1   | 0   | 3   | 4     |
| Edward S. Rogers                            | 1   | 0   | 3   | 4     |
| Hubbard Lawrence                            | 1   | 0   | 3   | 4     |
| John Holt                                   | 1   | 0   | 3   | 4     |
| Edward G. Watkins                           | 1   | 0   | 3   | 4     |
| James F. Tullows                            | 1   | 0   | 3   | 4     |
| Albert B. Coats                             | 1   | 0   | 3   | 4     |
| Seth Weston                                 | 1   | 0   | 3   | 4     |
| Abigail Hall                                | 1   | 0   | 3   | 4     |
| Charles A. Abbott                           | 1   | 0   | 3   | 4     |
| Wm J. Hurd                                  | 1   | 0   | 3   | 4     |
| William H. Partridge                        | 1   | 0   | 3   | 4     |
| Edwin Sawtelle                              | 1   | 0   | 3   | 4     |
| Charles A. Chase                            | 1   | 0   | 3   | 4     |
| M <sup>c</sup> Hinley and Hobart Republican |     |     |     |       |
| John D. A. Brackett                         | 105 | 121 | 128 | 354   |
| William H. Haile                            | 105 | 121 | 128 | 354   |
| Franklin Carter                             | 105 | 121 | 128 | 354   |
| Augustus Coolidge                           | 105 | 121 | 128 | 354   |
| Archibald T. Whitson                        | 105 | 121 | 128 | 354   |
| Charles H. Moulton                          | 105 | 121 | 128 | 354   |
| Joseph Miller                               | 105 | 121 | 128 | 354   |
| Syranus Smith                               | 105 | 121 | 128 | 354   |
| Edward W. La Croix                          | 105 | 121 | 128 | 354   |
| Robert C. Fuller                            | 105 | 121 | 128 | 354   |
| Peter Morrison                              | 105 | 121 | 128 | 354   |
| John C. Cobb                                | 105 | 121 | 128 | 354   |
| William H. Powers                           | 105 | 121 | 128 | 354   |
| Henry A. Thomas                             | 105 | 121 | 128 | 354   |
| Edmund Anthony Jr.                          | 105 | 121 | 128 | 354   |
| Palmer and Buckner National Dem             |     |     |     |       |
| Thomas J. Gargan                            | 8   | 10  | 2   | 20    |
| James S. Grinnell                           | 8   | 10  | 2   | 20    |
| James W. Hull                               | 8   | 10  | 2   | 20    |
| Leander B. Morse                            | 8   | 10  | 2   | 20    |

| Precinct                        | 1   | 2   | 3   | Total |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Elen. S. Stevens                | 8   | 10  | 2   | 20    |
| Charles J. Williams             | 8   | 10  | 2   | 20    |
| Samuel D. Stevens               | 8   | 10  | 2   | 20    |
| Robert S. Rantoul               | 8   | 10  | 2   | 20    |
| Samuel K. Hamilton              | 8   | 10  | 2   | 20    |
| Godfrey Morse                   | 8   | 10  | 2   | 20    |
| Sigourney Butler                | 8   | 10  | 2   | 20    |
| Daniel L. Paendergast           | 8   | 10  | 2   | 20    |
| James E. Cottle                 | 8   | 10  | 2   | 20    |
| Charles G. Davis                | 8   | 10  | 2   | 20    |
| Louis B. Frasher                | 8   | 10  | 2   | 20    |
| Blanks                          | 5   | 8   | 4   | 17    |
| For Governor                    |     |     |     |       |
| Thomas C. Brophy                | 1   | 2   | 0   | 3     |
| Allen Coffin                    | 0   | 0   | 6   | 6     |
| Fredrick Prince                 | 7   | 12  | 2   | 21    |
| George Fred. Williams Dem.      | 14  | 9   | 13  | 36    |
| George Fred. Williams Peoples   | 1   | 0   | 2   | 3     |
| George Fred. Williams Am. Paper | 1   | 3   | 1   | 5     |
| Roger Walcott                   | 103 | 107 | 114 | 324   |
| Blanks                          | 12  | 16  | 15  | 43    |
| For Lieut Governor              |     |     |     |       |
| Christopher T. Callahan         | 13  | 11  | 7   | 31    |
| W. Murray Crane                 | 96  | 107 | 109 | 312   |
| Archibald Dakin                 | 2   | 0   | 1   | 3     |
| James E. M <sup>c</sup> Connell | 10  | 9   | 5   | 24    |
| William W. Nash                 | 1   | 0   | 5   | 6     |
| Blanks                          | 17  | 22  | 26  | 65    |
| For Secretary                   |     |     |     |       |
| Asa F. Hall                     | 1   | 0   | 1   | 2     |
| Waldo Lincoln                   | 7   | 11  | 5   | 23    |
| William M. Olin                 | 99  | 103 | 106 | 308   |
| Joseph H. Pott                  | 15  | 5   | 6   | 26    |
| Willard O. Mylie                | 0   | 1   | 4   | 5     |
| Blanks                          | 17  | 29  | 31  | 77    |



|                                      | Precinct | 1   | 2   | 3   | Total |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| For Treasurer                        |          |     |     |     |       |
| Robert C. Habberley                  |          | 2   | 1   | 5   | 8     |
| Edward P. Shaw                       |          | 98  | 104 | 105 | 307   |
| Horace P. Tobey                      |          | 10  | 9   | 4   | 23    |
| Thomas A. Watson                     |          | 12  | 3   | 7   | 22    |
| Blanks                               |          | 17  | 32  | 32  | 81    |
| For Auditor                          |          |     |     |     |       |
| Maurice P. Caranough                 |          | 3   | 3   | 3   | 9     |
| Maurice J. Fitzgerald                |          | 12  | 2   | 6   | 20    |
| Thomas A. Russell                    |          | 1   | 1   | 7   | 9     |
| John W. Kimball                      |          | 95  | 105 | 105 | 315   |
| William P. Proctor                   |          | 1   | 0   | 0   | 1     |
| Charles C. Spelman                   |          | 8   | 8   | 3   | 19    |
| Blanks                               |          | 19  | 30  | 29  | 78    |
| For Attorney General                 |          |     |     |     |       |
| Wolcott Hamlin                       |          | 7   | 0   | 5   | 12    |
| Henry T. Haulbert                    |          | 6   | 12  | 4   | 22    |
| Horace M. Huntington                 |          | 93  | 104 | 107 | 304   |
| Wm H. Morse                          |          | 1   | 0   | 0   | 1     |
| John B. O'Donnell                    |          | 14  | 5   | 9   | 28    |
| Blanks                               |          | 18  | 28  | 28  | 74    |
| For Councillor Sixth District        |          |     |     |     |       |
| William E. Rand                      |          | 28  | 15  | 14  | 57    |
| Elisha H. Shaw                       |          | 94  | 100 | 106 | 300   |
| Blanks                               |          | 17  | 34  | 33  | 84    |
| For Senator Sixth Middlesex District |          |     |     |     |       |
| William H. Brigham of Hudson         |          | 96  | 102 | 110 | 308   |
| Aaron Fisher of Westford             |          | 26  | 14  | 15  | 55    |
| Blanks                               |          | 17  | 33  | 28  | 78    |
| For Representative in General Court  |          |     |     |     |       |
| Oliver H. Pierce of Ayer             |          | 102 | 102 | 113 | 317   |
| James Grimes of Acton                |          | 0   | 0   | 1   | 1     |
| Blanks                               |          | 37  | 47  | 39  | 123   |
| Clerk of Courts. Middlesex           |          |     |     |     |       |
| Theodore C. Hurd                     |          | 88  | 77  | 77  | 242   |
| Blanks                               |          | 51  | 72  | 76  | 199   |

|   | Precinct | 1   | 2   | 3   | Total |
|---|----------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| For County Commissioner Middlesex   |          |     |     |     |       |
| Levi S. Gould   |          | 98  | 100 | 109 | 307   |
| George A. Perkins   |          | 22  | 17  | 14  | 53    |
| Blanks  |          | 19  | 32  | 30  | 81    |
| For Representative in Congress, 4th Dist  |          |     |     |     |       |
| J. Porter Morse   |          | 26  | 15  | 20  | 61    |
| George W. Weymouth  |          | 96  | 101 | 103 | 300   |
| Blanks  |          | 17  | 37  | 26  | 80    |
| First Article of Amendment, Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution establishing biennial elections of state officers be approved and ratified?                |          |     |     |     |       |
| Yes   |          | 47  | 42  | 36  | 125   |
| No  |          | 47  | 44  | 46  | 137   |
| Blanks  |          | 45  | 63  | 71  | 179   |
| Second Article of Amendment, Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution establishing biennial elections of members of the general court be approved and ratified? |          |     |     |     |       |
| Yes   |          | 37  | 39  | 29  | 105   |
| No  |          | 46  | 39  | 50  | 135   |
| Blanks  |          | 56  | 71  | 74  | 201   |
| The ballot box registered at the opening of the polls.  |          | 0   | 0   |     |       |
| " " " " " at the closing of the polls   |          | 142 | 149 | 153 | 444   |
| The number of ballots cast was.   |          | 139 | 149 | 153 | 441   |
| The number of voters checked was.   |          | 139 | 149 | 153 | 441   |
| Horace F. Tuttle, Clerk, Precinct 1   |          |     |     |     |       |
| Abram Tuttle " " 2  |          |     |     |     |       |
| Wm F. Kelley " " 3  |          |     |     |     |       |
| a true record, attest   |          |     |     |     |       |
| Horace F. Tuttle  |          |     |     |     |       |
| Town Clerk.   |          |     |     |     |       |

We the undersigned Clerks of the Towns.  
comprising the 23<sup>d</sup> Middlesex Representative District  
certify that the following is a schedule of the names  
of all persons for whom votes were given in the District  
and the number of votes given for each person.

| Precinct                  | Acton |     |     | Ayer | Lindsey | Shirley | Westford | Total |
|---------------------------|-------|-----|-----|------|---------|---------|----------|-------|
|                           | 1     | 2   | 3   |      |         |         |          |       |
| Oliver K. Pierce of Ayer. | 102   | 102 | 113 | 349  | 165     | 173     | 281      | 1285  |
| James A. Sprague of Acton | 0     | 0   | 1   |      |         |         |          | 1     |
| W. B. Tenner of Ayer.     |       |     |     | 1    |         |         |          | 1     |
| Blanks.                   | 37    | 47  | 39  | 88   | 42      | 69      | 138      | 460   |
|                           | 139   | 149 | 153 | 438  | 207     | 242     | 419      | 1747  |

Horace F. Tuttle: Acton  
Arthur Tenner: Ayer  
Waldo E. Conant: Littleton  
Jonas Longley: Shirley  
Gilman J. Wright: Westford

## Warrant for the Annual Meeting 1897

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Middlesex, ss. To either of the Constables of the  
Town of Acton, in the County of Middlesex  
greeting: You are hereby required in the name of  
the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and  
warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton, qualified  
to vote in elections and town affairs, to assemble in  
the Town Hall, in said town on Monday the fifth  
day of April, A.D. 1897, at nine o'clock, A.M.  
Then and there to act upon the following articles, as  
they may think proper, viz:

- Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- Art. 2 To see if the town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee and other town officers
- Art. 3 To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the town if necessary in anticipation of the taxes for the current year
- Art. 4 To see if the town will vote to abolish discount on taxes and charge interest on all remaining unpaid taxes or act anything thereon
- Art. 5 To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix salaries
- Art. 6 To see if the town will maintain street lamps the present year or act anything thereon
- Art. 7 To see if the town will accept the fire list as revised by the Selectmen
- Art. 8 To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of the moral Library the present year
- Art. 9 To hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen to report at this meeting



- Art 10 To see if the town will provide transportation to the Center schools for the pupils of the East school or do or act anything thereon
- Art 11 To see if the town will build a shed in Mt. Hope Cemetery
- Art 12 To see if the town will purchase a chemical engine for the west village, or act anything thereon
- Art 13 To see what amount of money the town will raise for the due observance of Memorial day
- Art 14 To see if the town will adopt the provisions of sections 20, 21, 22 and 23 of Chapter 50 of the Public Statutes in reference to sidewalks or act anything thereon
- Art 15 To vote Yes or No in answer to the question shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in town the present year
- Art 16 To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of schools the present year or act anything thereon
- Art 17 To see what amount of money the town will raise for school supplies the present year
- Art 18 To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor law
- Art 19 To see if the town will rescind the vote passed at its April meeting in 1894, to diminish the number of its School Committee, and vote to restore it to the number of five
- Art 20 To see what action the town will take in reference to continuing the connection with Shadbury and West Brookfield in regard to Supt. of schools
- Art 21 To see what amount of money the town will raise for the repair of roads and bridges the present year
- Art 22 To see what action the town will take in reference to tramps

- Art 23 To see if the town will replank the bridge on the road leading to Michael Hamond or act anything thereon
- Art 24 To see what amount of money the town will raise to defray town charges the present year
- Art 25 To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to act as its agent in any suit or suits that may be brought against the town and to employ counsel therefor
- Art 26 To see if the town will build a tramp house at the town farm or act anything thereon
- And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies attested by you in the following places: One in each of the Post Offices in the town one at each of the Railroad Stations in the town, one in each of the Stores of C. H. Mead & Co. H. N. Littlefield, Tuttle, Jones and Hetherbee, M. E. Taylor & Co, one at the office of F. J. Hastings & Co and one at the Magaz House. seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, on or before the time for holding said meeting Given under our hands in Acton this twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven

E. Faulkner Conant  
Isaiah Hutchins

Selectmen of Acton.

This is to certify that attested copies of the within warrant, have been posted in the several places as designated in said warrant. seven days before the time appointed for holding said meeting

Wm. F. Stevens

Constable of Acton

Acton March 25<sup>th</sup> 1897

# Proceedings of the Town Meeting Held April 5<sup>th</sup> 1897

Lyman C. Taylor and Abram Tuttle were sworn as tellers by the Clerk.

Art 1 Luther Conant was chosen Moderator

Art 2. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Trustees of Memorial Library, and other town officers.

Art 3 Voted that the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow in anticipation of taxes for the year 1897 such sums of money as may be needed from time to time for the current expenses of the town paying therefor the current market rate of interest giving the note or notes of the town therefor signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by at least a majority of the Selectmen to be paid from the taxes to be raised in the year 1897.

Art 4. Voted that the Collector charge interest at the rate of six per centum per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of Nov. next. Voted that all taxes shall be paid on or before the first day of March next and if any taxes remain unpaid after that date the Collector shall collect the same according to law.

Art 5 The following town officers were chosen on one ballot.

Town Clerk \* Horace F. Tuttle.

Town Treasurer \* Jona. H. W. Wetherbee

Selectmen

\* E. Faulkner, Conant \* W<sup>m</sup> F. Stevens \* David C. Harris

Assessors.

Anson C. Piper \* W<sup>m</sup> F. Stevens James B. Tuttle

Overseers of the Poor

\* Lyman Tuttle, Moses A. Reed, Edwin C. Parker.

Collector of Taxes \* W<sup>m</sup> F. Stevens

Road Commissioner 3 years \* Isaac S. Ford

Auditor \* Hiram J. Hapgood,

School Committee 3 yrs Horace F. Tuttle.

Constables

James Kinsley Moses A. Reed, W<sup>m</sup> F. Stevens  
Reuben L. Reed.

Cemetery Committee

John Fletcher Levi W. Stevens Horace F. Tuttle

Fence Viewers

Daniel H. Farrar Reuben L. Reed.

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood, Hoops and Staves  
\* Herbert F. Clark Jona. P. Fletcher Edw. H. Hall.

Edward S. Richardson

Trustee of Memorial Library

Lucius A. Hesselton 3 years.

The persons whose names are marked thus (x) were sworn by the Moderator

J. C. Nash Esq., Rev. F. P. Wood, \* Reuben L. Reed, were chosen a Committee to enforce the liquor laws. Voted that the salary of the Collector of taxes for the ensuing year be fixed at \$150. One hundred and fifty dollars. The same to include posting the Town Warrants enforcing the dog law and all other duties heretofore belonging to said office.

Voted that the salary of the Road Commissioner for the ensuing year be twenty five cents per hour employed. Voted that the town furnish tools for work on the roads.

Art 6 Voted to raise (\$400) Four hundred dollars for the maintenance of street lamps and that it be expended in the same manner as last year.

Art 7. Voted to accept the jury list as revised by the Selectmen and printed in the town report.



- Art. 8 Voted to raise Four hundred dollars for running expenses, and two hundred dollars for the purchase of books.
- Art. 9 Heard the report of the Committee on enforcement of the liquor laws. A vote of thanks was given to the Committee for their faithful and efficient service the past year.
- Art. 10 Voted to raise a sum of money not exceeding (\$10) Ten dollars per school week for the transportation of pupils residing in East Acton to the Center schools.
- Art. 11 Voted that the Selectmen build a shed in Mr. Hope's Cemetery.
- Art. 12 Voted that the Selectmen, the Moderator with nine others to be appointed by him be a committee to examine and test a chemical fire engine. Voted to give them authority to purchase, at a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars if considered expedient.
- The Moderator appointed the following persons members of the committee D. H. Hall, H. A. Littlefield, O. W. Mead, Jona. P. Fletcher, Anson, C. Peper, Lucius A. Henssillon, M. E. Taylor, James B. Tuttle, Webster C. Robbins.
- Art. 13 Voted to appropriate one hundred dollars.
- Art. 14 Voted to dismiss the article.
- Art. 15 Whole number of ballots cast, one hundred, thirty five. No. one hundred and eleven. Yes, twenty four.
- Art. 16 Voted that the following sums of money be raised, and appropriated for the following purposes.
- (2840) For Common schools, twenty eight hundred & forty dollars.  
 16 00. " High school, sixteen hundred dollars.  
 270. " trans. of S. E. pupils two hundred and seventy dollars.  
 240. " " of East " two hundred and forty "  
 100. Apparatus for high school, one hundred "  
 465. Salary of Superintendent five hundred and sixty five

- Art. 17 Voted to raise Four hundred and seventy five dollars.
- Art. 18 Voted to appropriate five hundred dollars.
- Art. 19 The article was divided. Voted first to rescind the vote whereby the town voted to diminish the number of its school committee to three and, second, Voted to dismiss the rest of the article.
- Art. 20 A motion to discontinue the connection with Sturbridge and West Brookfield did not prevail.
- Art. 21 Voted to raise three thousand dollars.
- Art. 22 Voted that the town enforce the tramp law.
- Art. 23 Voted to appropriate 25.75, twenty five dollars and seventy five cents for replanking the bridge on the private way leading to the house of Michael Hannon if it can be done without assuming any liability thereby as a public way.
- Art. 24 Voted to raise six thousand dollars.
- Art. 25 Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to employ counsel and to act as the agent of the town in any suit that may be brought against it and that they also be authorized to appear on behalf of the town at any public hearing in which the town may have interests.
- Art. 26 Voted to dismiss the article.
- Voted that a copy of the record of the proceedings of the annual meetings of the town be printed in the annual reports.
- Voted to dissolve the meeting  
 a true record attest  
 Horace F. Tuttle  
 Town Clerk.

Town Warrant 1897.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex, s.s. To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton, in said County. Greeting  
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Acton and particularly the legal voters thereof to meet at the polling places in the several precincts to which they respectively belong on Tuesday the second day of November 1897 at 11.45 o'clock A.M. Then and there to bring in their votes on one ballot for Governor, Lieut. Gov. Secretary of State, Treasurer and Receiver General Auditor of the Commonwealth, Attorney General Councilor for sixth Middlesex District Senator for sixth Middlesex District, Representatives in General Court for twenty third Middlesex District County Commissioner for Middlesex County County Treasurer for Middlesex County and Register of Deeds for Middlesex County.

The polling places in the several precincts will be as follows, in precinct one at the Town Hall. In precinct two, in Vestry of Universalists South Acton. In precinct three, in school house West Acton. The polls will be opened at 11.45 o'clock A.M. and may be closed at 3.45 P.M. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting copies thereof, attested by you, one in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations in town one in the office of F. J. Hastings & Co. one at the Sagoy House, one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co. Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee, M. E. Taylor & Co. and H. A. Littlefield seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town

Clerk on or before the time for holding said meeting given under our hands in Acton the nineteenth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven

E. Faulkner Conant } Selectmen  
W<sup>m</sup> F. Stevens } of Acton  
David C. Harris }

Middlesex, s.s. Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 1897.

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the following places. One in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations in town, one in the office of F. J. Hastings & Co. one at the Sagoy House and one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co. Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee M. E. Taylor & Co. and H. A. Littlefield seven days before the said second day of November 1897 as within directed.

W<sup>m</sup> F. Stevens Constable of Acton

This is to certify that we have appointed James M. Green as Registrar of Voters for the Town of Acton for three years from May 1<sup>st</sup> 1897.

E. Faulkner Conant } Selectmen  
W<sup>m</sup> F. Stevens } of Acton  
David C. Harris }

April 8<sup>th</sup> 1897.

This is to certify that Nathaniel M. Allen this day personally appeared before me and took the oath of office as wigher for the Town of Acton for the ensuing official year  
J. K. W. Wetherbee Justice of the Peace  
So. Acton April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1897.



# Proceedings of Meetings

held Nov 2<sup>d</sup> 1897 in Precincts one, two and three in the

## Town of Acton

The following is a record of the names of all persons, voted for, the number of votes received for each person, and the title of the office for which he was proposed, and the number of blank ballots received for each office

| For Governor             | Precinct 1  | Precinct 2  | Precinct 3  | Total |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| George Fred Williams had | Fourteen    | Six         | Six         | 26    |
| Roger Wolcott            | Sixty-five  | Sixty-four  | Seventy     | 199   |
| William Everett          | Seven       | Five        | One         | 13    |
| John Bascom              | none        | One         | Two         | 3     |
| Blanks                   | Two         | One         | Two         | 5     |
| For. Lieut Governor      |             |             |             |       |
| Christopher T. Callahan  | Fifteen     | Five        | Six         | 26    |
| W. Murray Crane          | Sixty-four  | Sixty-four  | Sixty-six   | 194   |
| James E. Collier         | Five        | Six         | none        | 11    |
| Willard O. Hyde          | none        | One         | Two         | 3     |
| Blanks                   | Four        | One         | Seven       | 12    |
| For. Secretary           |             |             |             |       |
| Charles D. Nash          | Fourteen    | Six         | Four        | 24    |
| Bernard M. Wolf          | Five        | Five        | none        | 10    |
| William M. Olin          | Sixty-three | Sixty-two   | Sixty-five  | 190   |
| Edwin Sawtett            | none        | Two         | Three       | 5     |
| Blanks                   | Six         | Two         | Nine        | 17    |
| For. Treasurer           |             |             |             |       |
| Thomas A. Watson         | Fifteen     | Five        | Four        | 24    |
| Horace P. Tobey          | Five        | Five        | One         | 11    |
| Edward P. Shaw           | Sixty-one   | Sixty-three | Sixty-two   | 186   |
| Robert C. Hatterley      | One         | none        | Two         | 3     |
| Blanks                   | Six         | Four        | Twelve      | 22    |
| For. Auditor             |             |             |             |       |
| Harry Douglas            | Five        | Five        | One         | 11    |
| John W. Kimball          | Sixty-two   | Sixty-four  | Sixty-three | 189   |
| Joseph Henry Sheldon     | Fourteen    | Five        | Four        | 23    |
| Herbert M. Small         | Seven       | Three       | Two         | 12    |
| Blanks                   | Seven       | Three       | Eleven      | 21    |

| For. Attorney General                     | Precinct 1                       | Precinct 2    | Precinct 3  | Total |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Horace M. Kimball                         | Sixty-three                      | Sixty-two     | Sixty-three | 188   |
| Wm W. McElench                            | Six                              | Five          | One         | 12    |
| John A. O'Sheaf                           | Twelve                           | Five          | Four        | 21    |
| Wolcott Hamlin                            | One                              | none          | Three       | 4     |
| Blanks                                    | Six                              | Five          | Five        | 21    |
| For. Councillor                           | Sixty-two                        | Sixty-three   | Fifty-nine  | 184   |
| Elisha H. Shaw                            |                                  |               |             |       |
| Luther Conant                             |                                  |               | One         | 1     |
| Blanks                                    | Twenty-six                       | Fourteen      | Twenty-One  | 61    |
| For. Senator                              |                                  |               |             |       |
| Wm H. Brigham                             | Sixty-one                        | Sixty-two     | Sixty-four  | 187   |
| Abram Fisher                              | Fifteen                          | Seven         | Six         | 28    |
| Blanks                                    | Twelve                           | Eight         | Eleven      | 31    |
| For. Representative in General Court      |                                  |               |             |       |
| Frank H. Whitcomb                         | Sixty                            | Sixty-three   | Seventy-two | 195   |
| Horace F. Tuttle                          | One                              |               |             | 1     |
| Aaron W. Foster                           | One                              |               |             | 1     |
| Wm F. Stearns                             |                                  |               | One         | 1     |
| Blanks                                    | Twenty-six                       | Fourteen      | Eight       | 48    |
| County Commissioner                       |                                  |               |             |       |
| Samuel O. Upham                           | Sixty-four                       | Forty-nine    | Fifty-six   | 169   |
| Blanks                                    | Twenty-four                      | Twenty-eight  | Twenty-five | 80    |
| Register of Deeds                         |                                  |               |             |       |
| Edwin O. Childe                           | Sixty-four                       | Fifty-three   | Forty-nine  | 166   |
| Blanks                                    | Twenty-four                      | Twenty-four   | Thirty-two  | 80    |
| County Treasurer                          |                                  |               |             |       |
| Joseph O. Hayden                          | Sixty-three                      | Fifty         | Forty-seven | 160   |
| Blanks                                    | Twenty-five                      | Twenty-seven  | Thirty-four | 86    |
| Total number of votes checked             | Eighty-eight                     | Seventy-seven | Eighty-one  | 246   |
| " " " ballots cast                        | Eighty-eight                     | Seventy-seven | Eighty-one  | 246   |
| Ballot box registered at opening of polls | zero                             | zero          | zero        |       |
| " " " closing of polls                    | Eighty-seven                     | Seventy-seven | Eighty-one  |       |
| A true copy of the records returned to    | C. F. Tuttle Clerk of Precinct 1 |               |             |       |
| by the several Precincts Clerks. attested | Samuel E. Reed                   | "             | "           | 2     |
| Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk               | Wm F. Steady                     | "             | "           | 3     |

Vol. of District No. 23<sup>d</sup> for representative in General Court, as determined and declared at the town clerk's meeting at Agw November 12 1897.

We hereby certify that the following is a true schedule of the names of all persons for whom votes for representative were given in the 23<sup>d</sup> Middlesex District and the number of votes given for each person at the annual State election held on Tuesday Nov. 2 1897.

Frank H. Whitcomb had Six hundred and eight votes 608

Aaron W. Foster had One vote 1

Horace F. Fiddle had One vote 1

Wm. J. Stevens had One vote 1

Olivier H. Pierce had One vote 1

A. P. Richardson had One vote 1

Nelson B. Conant had One vote 1

Blanks Two Hundred and twelve 212

Total number of ballots cast Eight hundred and twenty six 826

Horace F. Fiddle Clerk of Acton Arthur Fenner Clerk of Agw

Waldo E. Conant Clerk of Littleton Josias Longley Clerk of Shirley

Gilman J. Wright Clerk of Westford

|                               | Acton |    |    | Agw | Littleton | Shirley | Westford |
|-------------------------------|-------|----|----|-----|-----------|---------|----------|
| Princt                        | 1     | 2  | 3  |     |           |         |          |
| Frank H. Whitcomb of Acton    | 60    | 63 | 72 | 147 | 85        | 90      | 91       |
| Aaron W. Foster "             | 1     |    |    |     |           |         |          |
| Horace F. Fiddle "            | 1     |    |    |     |           |         |          |
| Olivier H. Pierce of Agw      |       |    | 1  | 1   |           |         |          |
| Nelson B. Conant of Littleton |       |    |    |     | 1         |         | 7        |
| A. P. Richardson of Westford  |       |    |    |     |           |         |          |
| Blanks.                       | 26    | 14 | 8  | 95  | 10        | 17      | 42       |
| Total                         | 88    | 77 | 81 | 243 | 96        | 107     | 134      |

Warrant for Annual Meeting April 4<sup>th</sup> 1898  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables, of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex. Greeting:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday the fourth day of April A. D. 1898 at 9 o'clock P. M. then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz:

- Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.
- Art. 2 To see if the town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee and other town officers.
- Art. 3 To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix salaries.
- Art. 4 To see if the town will maintain street lamps the present year or act anything thereon.
- Art. 5 To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the town if necessary, in anticipation of the taxes of the current year.
- Art. 6 To hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen to report at this meeting.
- Art. 7 To see if the town will accept the jury list as revised by the Selectmen.
- Art. 8 To see if the town will appropriate \$275 for the purchase of suitable heating apparatus for the Center School Building.
- Art. 9 To see what amount of money the town will raise for the due observance of Memorial Day.
- Art. 10 To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of Memorial Library the present year.



Art. 11 To see what action the town will take in regard to its School Committee

Art. 12 To see if the town will straighten, widen and grade the road leading from near the house of F. L. K. Hoar in West Acton to the South Acton road or act anything thereon

Art. 13 To see if the town will buy a road roller

Art. 14 To see what action the town will take in reference to the collecting of its taxes the present year

Art. 15 To vote Yes or No in answer to the question shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in town the present year?

Art. 16 To see if the town will revoke the vote whereby they accepted the provisions of Chapter 158 of the statutes of the year 1871 and Sections 74, 75 and 76 of Chapter 27 of the public statutes in reference to Road Commissioners

Art. 17 To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of schools the present year or act anything thereon

Art. 18 To see what amount of money the town will raise for school supplies the present year

Art. 19 To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor law

Art. 20 To see what amount of money the town will raise for the repair of roads and bridges the present year

Art. 21 To see if the town will build a cistern in West Acton or act anything thereon

Art. 22 To see if the town will vote to build the "Cash Road" so called as laid out by the County Commissioners or act anything thereon

Art. 23 To see if the town will instruct the Cemetery Committee to dig a well in Mt. Hope Cemetery or act anything thereon

Art. 24 To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to convey a deed to Samuel Jones, Jr. for the land and building thereon of the South East school district.

Art. 25 To see if the town will locate and build a building for the high school near Kelley's corner or somewhere else

Art. 26 To see what action the town will take in regard to widening the bridge that spans the mill stream at South Acton

Art. 27 To see if the town will instruct the School Committee to unite with Weyland and Sudbury or other towns for the purpose of employing a Superintendent of schools according to Chap. 431 acts of 1888 take any action thereon or pass any votes relative thereto

Art. 28 To see if the town will repair the road leading from South Acton past the house of H. S. Warren to Fletcher's corner or act anything thereon

Art. 29 To see if the town will build a road from the Leland-Stevens road past the cold storage building to the turnpike as laid out by the Road Commissioners or act anything thereon

Art. 30 To see if the town will repair the road leading from the West Acton road past the house of J. P. Thomas to the intersection of the Acton Center road

Art. 31 To see if the town will vote to let the town hall to the Acton Center Cong. Society while repairing their church or act anything thereon

Art. 32 To see if the town will obtain the address given by his honor, George S. Boutelle at the celebration of Patriots day and publish the same in the town report or some other way

Art. 33 To see what amount of money the town will raise to defray town charges the present year

Art. 34 To see if the town will furnish water for the watering trough in the square in South Acton

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies, attested by you in the following places. One in each of the post offices in the town one at each of the railroad stations in the town, one in

each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co. H. A. Littlefield  
Tuttle, Jones, & Metherbee, M. E. Taylor & Co. and  
one at the office of F. J. Hastings & Co. and one at  
the Negro House. seven days at least before the  
time appointed for holding said meeting.  
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant  
with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town  
Clerk on or before the time for holding said meeting.  
Given under our hands in Acton this 22<sup>d</sup> day of  
March in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight  
hundred and ninety-eight

E. Faulkner Conant Selectmen  
W<sup>m</sup> F. Stevens of Acton  
David C. Harris

This is to certify that copies of the within warrant  
have been posted in the several places as directed  
by the Selectmen, seven days before the time <sup>appointed</sup> for  
holding said meeting W<sup>m</sup> F. Stevens Constable.  
Acton March 25 1898

March 3<sup>d</sup> 98  
Samuel A. Guilford was appointed a Registrar  
of Voters for the unexpired term of F. H. Whitcomb

March 22, 1898 The Selectmen appointed Lyman C.  
Taylor and Abram Tuttle tellers for the annual town meeting

April 5 Jona. N. W. Metherbee took the oath before E. F. Leonard J. L.  
" T. Reuben L. Reed took the oath before the Town Clerk,

## Proceedings of the Annual Meeting Held April 4<sup>th</sup> 1898

Lyman C. Taylor and Abram Tuttle were sworn as  
tellers by the Clerk.

Art. 1 Luther Conant was chosen Moderator

Art. 2 Voted to accept the reports of the several town  
officers

Art. 3 The following town officers were chosen by  
ballot Town Clerk, Horace F. Tuttle, \*  
Town Treasurer Jona. N. W. Metherbee \*

### Selectmen

E. Faulkner Conant W<sup>m</sup> F. Stevens David C. Harris \*

### Assessors

James B. Tuttle W<sup>m</sup> F. Stevens Anson C. Piper \*

### Overseers of the Poor

E. Faulkner Conant W<sup>m</sup> F. Stevens David C. Harris \*

Collector of Taxes W<sup>m</sup> F. Stevens \*

School Committee Isaiah Hutchins

Constables W<sup>m</sup> F. Stevens

James Kingsley Moses S. Reed L. E. Reed \*

### Cemetery Committee

John Fletcher Horace F. Tuttle Charles B. Stone

### Fence Viewers

Daniel H. Farrar Reuben L. Reed Samuel Jones, Jr.

### Surgeons of Lambs, wood, hoops and staves

Herbert F. Clark Jona. P. Fletcher Edgar H. Hall \*

### Eduard F. Richardson

Trustees of Memorial Library 3 yrs W<sup>m</sup> D. Tuttle

Auditor Hiram J. Hapgood

Officers who have qualified by taking the oath required by law,  
Voted that the salary of the Collector of Taxes for  
the ensuing year be fixed at \$150. the same to include  
all the duties and services heretofore belonging to said  
officer.

Voted that the enforcement of the liquor law be left with  
the Selectmen with instructions to enforce the law



and that they be empowered to employ officers to prosecute violators of the law

Art. 4. Voted to raise Five hundred dollars to be expended in the same manner as last year

Art. 5 Voted that the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow in anticipation of the taxes for the year 1898 such sums of money as may be needed from time to time for the current expenses of the town, paying therefor the current market rate of interest giving the note or notes of the town therefor, signed by the town Treasurer and countersigned by at least a majority of the Selectmen to be paid from the taxes to be raised in the year 1898

Art. 6. Heard the report of the committee on enforcement of the liquor law and voted to accept their report

Art. 7 Voted to accept the jury list as revised by the Selectmen with the exception of the names of Geo. E. Holton, and Elisha H. Cutler who were excused and their names taken from the list

Art. 8 Voted to appropriate the sum of \$275.00 for a heating apparatus in the Center School house

Art. 9 Voted to raise the sum of Fifty dollars

Art. 10 Voted to raise Four hundred Dollars for running expenses Two hundred doll. for books

Art. 11 Voted to dismiss the article

Art. 12 Voted to refer the matter to the Road Commissioners with power to act.

Art. 13 Voted to dismiss the article

Art. 14 Voted that the Collector charge interest at the rate of six per centum per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of Nov. next Voted that all taxes shall be paid on or before the first day of March next, and if any taxes remain unpaid after that date the Collector shall collect according to law.

Art. 15 Total votes cast. One hundred and twenty two.  
Yes. Nineteen <sup>(19)</sup> No. One hundred and three (103.)

Art. 16 Voted to revoke the former vote of the town whereby they accepted certain provisions of the Statute relating to Choosing Road Commissioners

Art. 17 Voted that the following sums be raised and appropriated for the following purposes.

|                               |                                    |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| For Common Schools.           | \$3400. Thirty four hundred, doll. |
| " High "                      | 1600. Sixteen "                    |
| " School Supplies.            | 475. Four hundred & seventy five   |
| " Trans. of S. E. pupils      | 270. Two hundred & seventy         |
| " " East "                    | 360. Three hundred & sixty         |
| " Apparatus & Books for H. S. | 100. One hundred                   |
| " Salary of Supt of Schools.  | 465. Four .. & sixty five          |

Art. 18 Voted to raise \$475.00

Art. 19 Voted to appropriate the sum of Five hundred. doll.

Art. 20 Voted to raise the sum of \$2250. -

Art. 21 Voted to refer to the Selectmen with power to act.

Art. 22 Voted to build the Cash road, as ordered by the County Commissioners  
Voted that it be left with the Selectmen to petition for a relocation if thought expedient

Art. 23 Voted that the Cemetery Committee be instructed to dig a well in Mt Hope Cemetery

Art. 24 Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to convey by deed to Samuel Jones Jr. the land with the school building thereon in Southeast Acton.

Art. 25 Voted to dismiss the article

Art. 26 Voted to refer the matter to the Selectmen

Art. 27 Voted to instruct the School Committee to write with Wayland and Sudbury or other towns for the purpose of employing a Supt of Schools.

Art. 28 Voted to refer the matter to the Selectmen

Art. 29 Voted to dismiss the article

Art. 30 Voted to raise \$250. to repair the road in South Acton from the house occupied by Rev. W. F. Dussault, by J. P. Delchus to the West. Acton road.

Art. 31 Voted to give the use of the Town Hall to the Evangelical Society in Acton Center while repairing their meeting house on condition that they pay all expenses in opening the hall.

Art. 32 Voted that Luther Conant and Dr. J. Hutchins be a committee to obtain if possible the addresses delivered at the celebration of Patriots Day by his honor George S. Boutelle and the late Gen. Greenhalge and have them printed.

Art. 33 Voted to raise \$5000. for town charges.

Art. 34 Voted to leave the matter discretionary with the Selectmen.

The following resolution was presented to the meeting by Chas. J. Williams

By the citizens of Acton, in Massachusetts, this fourth day of April 1898 in their annual town meeting assembled Resolved, That the wise, patriotic, and conservative foreign policy of the President of the United States has won our admiration and receives our hearty support.

We believe that the honor and interests of this nation and the best interests of the people of Cuba are safe in his care.

It was voted unanimously that these resolutions be adopted and telegraphed at once to the President by the Moderator of the meeting at the expense of the town voted to adjourn sine die.

A true record attest.

Horace F. Tuttle, Clerk.

Town Meeting Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 1898.  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Middlesex ss  
To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex, Greeting:  
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in said town on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 1898 at 8 o'clock P.M. Then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz:

Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2 To see what amount of money the town will raise or appropriate to build the "Cash Road" so called or act anything thereon.

Art. 3 To see if the town will vote to sell the East Acton school house or act anything thereon.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies attested by you in the following places, one in each of the Post Offices in the town, one in each of the stores of M. E. Taylor & Co, H. A. Littlefield, Tuttle, Jones & Webster and C. H. Mead & Co, one at the Raggy House, and one at the office of T. J. Hastings & Co. seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, on or before the time for holding said meeting. Given under our hands in Acton this eleventh day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and ninety eight.



E. Faulkner, Constable } Selectmen of  
 Wm. F. Stevens }  
 David Harris } Acton

This is to certify that duly attested copies of the within warrant have been posted in the several places as directed by the Selectmen seven days before the time appointed for holding said meeting.  
 Acton Aug 16 1898 Wm. F. Stevens Constable of Acton

### Proceedings of the Meeting held Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 1898

Art. 1 Luther Conant was chosen Moderator  
 M. E. Taylor was appointed teller and sworn in place of L. C. Taylor absent.

Art. 2. Voted to appropriate Twelve hundred (\$1200) dollars to build the Cash road as ordered by the County Commissioners, and that the road be built under the supervision of the Supt of Streets.

Art. 3. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to sell the East School house, when they consider it expedient for the town.

Voted to adjourn. A true record attest.  
 Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk

Meetings November 8<sup>th</sup> 1898  
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex ss.  
 To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in said County. Greeting:-  
 You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and the inhabitants of the Town of Acton and particularly the legal voters thereof to meet at the polling places in the several precincts to which they respectively belong, on Tuesday, the eighth day of November 1898 at 11.45 o'clock, A.M.  
 Then and there to bring in their votes on one ballot for Representative in Congress, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Commonwealth, Attorney General, Councillor for Sixth Middlesex District, County Commissioner for Middlesex County, Senator for Sixth Middlesex District, Representative in General Court for Twenty third Middlesex District, Sheriff for Middlesex County, Two Special Commissioners for Middlesex County, Register of Probate and Insolvency and District Attorney.  
 The polling places in the several precincts will be as follows: In Precinct One, at the Town Hall; in Precinct Two, in the vestry of the Universalist Church South Acton. In Precinct Three, in the School House in West Acton. The polls will be opened at 11.45 o'clock, A.M. and may be closed at 3.45 o'clock, P.M.  
 And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting copies, attested by you, one in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations in Town, one in the office of F. J. Hastings & Co. one at the Stage House, and one in each of the stores of M. E. Taylor & Co. & H. M. & Co.

Twittes Jones and Wetherbee and H. A. Littlefield  
seven days at least before the time for holding  
said meeting. Hereof fail not and make  
due return and make due of this warrant  
with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or  
Town Clerk on or before the time for holding  
said meeting.

Given under our hands in Acton the nineteenth  
day of October in the year one thousand, eight  
hundred and ninety-eight

E. Shattuck Constable Selectmen  
Wm F Stevens of Acton.  
David C Harris

This is to certify that duly attested copies of the  
within warrant have been posted in the several places  
as designated by the Selectmen seven days before  
the time appointed for holding said meetings.

William F Stevens Constable of Acton  
Acton Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 1898

# Proceedings of Meetings held Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 1898 in Precincts, one, two, and three in the Town of Acton.

The following is a record of the names of all  
persons voted for, the number of votes received for each  
person, the title of the office for which he was proposed  
and the number of blank ballots received for each office.

| Governor.           | Precinct 1   | Precinct 2    | Precinct 3   | Totals |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------|
| Alexander B. Bruce. | Fifteen      | Sixteen       | Fifteen      | 46.    |
| Samuel B. Shapleigh | One.         | One.          | Four.        | 6.     |
| Roger Wolcott       | Seventy six  | Seventy four  | Sixty eight  | 218    |
| Blanks.             | Six          | One.          | Two.         | 9      |
| Lieut. Governor     |              |               |              |        |
| W. Murray Crane     | Seventy six  | Seventy three | Sixty seven  | 216.   |
| John L. Hilton      | One.         | One.          | Three.       | 5      |
| Edward J. Shattuck  | Sixteen      | Fourteen      | Twelve.      | 42.    |
| Blanks.             | Five         | Four          | Seven        | 16     |
| Secretary           |              |               |              |        |
| Henry K. Inman.     | One.         | One.          | Three.       | 5      |
| Henry Lloyd.        | Fifteen      | Fifteen       | Twelve.      | 42.    |
| William M. Olin     | Seventy six  | Seventy two   | Sixty seven. | 215    |
| James F. Stevens    |              |               |              |        |
| Blanks.             | Six          | Four.         | Seven.       | 17     |
| Treasurer           |              |               |              |        |
| Harry J. Jaguith    | Sixteen      | Fourteen      | Thirteen     | 43     |
| Edward P. Shaver.   | Seventy four | Sixty seven   | Sixty one    | 202.   |
| Harriet Miley Small | Two.         | One.          | Four         | 7      |
| Charles W. White    | One.         | None.         | One.         | 2.     |
| Blanks              | Three        | Ten.          | Ten.         | 25     |
| Auditor             |              |               |              |        |
| Charles S. Griever  | None.        | One.          | None.        | 1      |
| John W. Kimball     | Seventy four | Seventy two   | Sixty six    | 213    |
| Charles F. Parker   | Sixteen      | Fifteen       | Eleven       | 42.    |
| Walter E. Sanford   | One.         | One.          | Four         | 6      |
| Blanks.             | Six          | Three.        | Eight        | 17     |



|                                    | Precinct 1   | Precinct 2   | Precinct 3   | Totals |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------|
| Attorney General.                  |              |              |              |        |
| Patrick Kelly                      | Sixteen      | Eleven       | Twelve       | 39     |
| Nosea M. M. M. M. M.               | Seventyfour  | Seventythree | Sixty nine   | 216    |
| Clarence E. Spelman                | One          | None         | None         | 1      |
| Blanks.                            | Seven        | Eight        | Eight        | 23     |
| Councillor                         |              |              |              |        |
| Marcellus H. Fletcher              | Sixteen      | Fourteen     | Twelve       | 42     |
| S. Herbert Howe                    | Seventyfive  | Sixty eight  | Sixty four   | 207    |
| Blanks.                            | Seven        | Ten          | Thirteen     | 30     |
| Senator                            |              |              |              |        |
| Alvan Fisher                       | Sixteen      | Thirteen     | Five         | 34     |
| Frank K. Patch                     | Seventyfive  | Seventyfive  | Eighty       | 230    |
| Blanks.                            | Seven        | Four         | Four         | 15     |
| Representative in General Court.   |              |              |              |        |
| Herbert J. Harwood                 | Seventyfour  | Seventy      | Fifty        | 194    |
| Charles R. White                   | Nineteen     | Eighteen     | Twenty eight | 65     |
| Blanks.                            | Five         | Four         | Eleven       | 20     |
| County Commissioner                |              |              |              |        |
| Francis Bigelow                    | Sixty one    | Fifty six    | Forty four   | 161    |
| Blanks.                            | Thirty seven | Thirty six   | Forty five   | 118    |
| Special Commissioners              |              |              |              |        |
| Truman H. Hagar                    | Sixteen      | Twelve       | Eleven       | 39     |
| David T. Strange                   | Fifty eight  | Fifty four   | Fifty        | 162    |
| Edward Everett Thompson            | Fifty        | Forty six    | Forty one    | 137    |
| George H. Van Horn                 | Nine         | Eight        | Ten          | 27     |
| Blanks.                            | Sixty three  | Sixty four   | Sixty six    | 193    |
| District Attorney                  |              |              |              |        |
| Fred H. Wier                       | Sixty three  | Sixty        | Fifty        | 173    |
| Blanks.                            | Thirty five  | Thirty two   | Thirty nine  | 106    |
| Register of Probate and Insolvency |              |              |              |        |
| Samuel H. Tolson                   | Sixty nine   | Sixty one    | Fifty three  | 183    |
| Blanks.                            | Twenty nine  | Thirty one   | Thirty six   | 96     |
| Sheriff                            |              |              |              |        |
| Henry G. Cushing                   | Sixty four   | Sixty two    | Fifty three  | 179    |
| Blanks.                            | Thirty four  | Thirty       | Thirty six   | 100    |

|                                      | Precinct 1   | Precinct 2 | Precinct 3  | Totals |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|--------|
| Representative in Congress.          |              |            |             |        |
| J. Porter Morse                      | Seventeen    | Twenty     | Sixteen     | 53     |
| George W. Weymouth                   | Seventy four | Sixty two  | Sixty two   | 198    |
| Blanks.                              | Seven        | Ten        | Eleven      | 28     |
| Names checked on voting list         | Ninety eight | Ninety two | Eighty nine | 279    |
| Number of ballots cast               | Ninety eight | Ninety two | Eighty nine | 279    |
| Ballot box register opening of polls | zero         | zero       | zero        |        |
| " " " close of polls                 | Ninety two   | Ninety two | Eighty nine |        |

Horace F. Tuttle, Clerk of Precinct 1  
 Lorenzo E. Reed, " " " 2.  
 Wm. F. Kelley, " " " 3.

A true copy of the several records as returned by the Precinct Clerks.

attest, Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk.

We hereby certify that the following is a true schedule of the names of all persons for whom votes were cast for Representative in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Middlesex District and the number of votes given for each person at the State Election held Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 1898.

Herbert J. Harwood of Littleton had six hundred and seventy eight votes.  
 Charles R. White of Shirley four hundred and five.  
 Herbert E. Fletcher had two votes.

Blanks. Ninety. Total no of ballots. 1175.

Horace F. Tuttle, Town Clerk of Acton

Arthur Tennyson, Aggr. Jonas Longley Shirley  
 Hald. E. Conant, Littleton Gilman J. Wright Westford  
 a true copy attest, Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk,

|                     | Acton | Aggr. | Littleton | Shirley | Westford |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|----------|
| Herbert J. Harwood  | 194   | 158   | 98        | 81      | 144      |
| Charles R. White    | 65    | 84    | 44        | 101     | 111      |
| Herbert E. Fletcher |       |       |           |         | 2        |
| Blanks.             | 20    | 11    | 13        | 8       | 38       |
| Total.              | 279   | 253   | 155       | 193     | 295      |

Warrant for a Town Meeting Feb. 2<sup>d</sup> 1899  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex ss.  
To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton  
in the County of Middlesex. Greeting:  
You are hereby required in the name of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and  
warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton  
qualified to vote in elections and town affairs  
to assemble in Town Hall in said Town on Thursday  
the second day of February A. D. 1899 at one  
o'clock P. M. Then and there to act upon the  
following articles as they may think proper, viz:

Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said  
meeting

Art. 2 To see if the town will instruct the Board  
of Selectmen to petition the Superior Court  
for the abolition of grade crossings at South  
Acton.

Art. 3 To see if the town will dispose of the fire  
engine at South Acton

Art. 4 To see if the town will reconsider the  
vote whereby they voted to hold but one  
annual Town Meeting instead of two and  
act anything thereon

Art. 5 To see if the town will agree upon a location  
for a piece of State road or act anything  
thereon

Art. 6 To see if the town will reconsider the vote  
whereby they voted to elect all town officers on  
one ballot and act anything thereon

Art. 7 To see if the town will vote to replank the  
bridge at Merriams Factory or act anything thereon

Art. 8 To see what action the town will take in  
the matter of providing needful accommodations  
for the schools at South Acton

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant  
by posting up copies attested by you in the following  
places, one in each of the post offices in the town  
one at each of the Railroad Stations in the town  
one in each of the stores of M. E. Taylor & Co.  
H. A. Littlefield, C. H. Mead & Co, Tuttle, Jones & Waterbee  
one at the Negro House one at the office of T. J.  
Hastings and Co. seven days at least before the time  
appointed for holding said meeting  
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant  
with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town  
Clerk on or before the time for holding said meeting  
Given under our hands in Acton, this twenty first  
day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and ninety nine

E. Faulkner, Conant } Selectmen  
William F. Stevens }  
David C. Harris } of Acton

I hereby certify that copies of the within warrant  
have been posted as directed by the Selectmen  
seven days before the time for holding said meeting  
William F. Stevens  
Acton Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 1899 Constable of Acton.



Proceedings of a Special Meeting  
held February 2<sup>d</sup> 1899.

Art. 1 Luther Conant was chosen Moderator

Art. 2 Voted that the Board of Selectmen be instructed to join with the Fitchburg R. R. Co in petitioning for the abolition of grade crossings at South Acton

Art. 3 Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to dispose of the fire engine at South Acton, to the best advantage

Art. 4 Voted to reconsider said vote  
Voted to instruct the Selectmen to call two meetings in the months of Feb. March or April at such dates as they may consider best for the transaction of the business of the town

Art. 5 Voted that the town favor the petition presented by the Board of Selectmen, in 1895, to the Mass. Highway Commission for a piece of State road from Concord line towards Acton Center  
105 votes in favor. 42 votes against

Art. 6 Voted to reconsider said vote

Art. 7 No action taken

Art. 8 Voted that the School Committee, Selectmen and the Moderator be appointed a committee to investigate the matter of school accommodations in South Acton and report to the town at the next meeting

Voted to adjourn

a true record

attest Horae F. Tuttle  
Town Clerk.

Warrant for a Town Meeting March 21 1899  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Acton in the County of Middlesex Greeting:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday the twenty first day of March at 7.30 o'clock P.M. then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper. Viz:

Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Art. 2 To determine the number of town officials the town will choose the present year

Art. 3 To see what action the town will take in relation to the vote passed at the meeting Feb. 2<sup>d</sup> 1899 whereby they voted to reconsider the action of the town in electing town officers on one ballot.

Art. 4 To see if the town will vote to hold but one annual town meeting instead of two or act anything thereon

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up Copies attested by you in the following places, one in each of the post offices in the town, one at each of the railroad stations in the town, one in each of the stores of C. F. Mead & Co, Tuttle Jones and Detherbee, M. E. Taylor & Co, H. A. Littlefield, one at the office of F. J. Hastings & Co, and one at the Negro House, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting. If ever fail not

and make due return of this warrant with  
your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk  
on or before the time for holding said meeting  
Given under our hands in Acton this thirtieth  
day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and ninety nine

Luther Bonant } Selectmen  
William F. Stevens } of Acton  
David C. Harris }

I hereby certify that copies of the <sup>within</sup> warrant have  
been posted as directed by the Selectmen seven  
days before the time for holding said meeting.

James Hinsley  
Acton March 11 1899 Constable of Acton

### Proceedings of a Meeting March 21 1899

- Art. 1 Luther Bonant was chosen Moderator  
Art. 2. Voted, That no action be taken on this article  
Art. 3. Voted, That no action be taken on this article  
Art. 4. Voted, That no action be taken on this article  
Voted, To adjourn  
A true record.  
Attest Ernest F. Tuttle, Town Clerk.

### Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting April 3 1899

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex ss.  
To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton  
in the County of Middlesex Greeting  
You are hereby required in the name of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn  
the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified  
to vote in elections and town affairs to assemble  
in the town hall in said town on Monday, the  
third day of April, A.D. 1899 at nine o'clock  
A.M. Then and there to act upon the following  
articles as they may think proper Viz:

- Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said  
meeting  
Art. 2 To see if the town will vote to accept the  
provisions of Section 332 Chapter 548  
of the Acts of 1898 providing for the election  
of a Highway Surveyor  
Art. 3 To see if the town will vote to choose three  
Road Commissioners or accept any provisions  
of law relative thereto  
Art. 4 To see if the town will rescind the vote  
passed at their Meeting Feb 2 1899 in  
reference to two annual town meetings  
or act anything thereon  
Art. 5 To see if the town will accept the reports of  
the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School  
Committee and other town officers  
Art. 6 To choose all necessary town officers and  
committees and fix salaries  
Art. 7 To hear and act upon the report of any  
committee chosen to report at this meeting  
Art. 8 To see what amount of money the town will  
raise for the due observance of Memorial Day



- Art. 9 To see if the town will vote to put an addition on the South School Building or act anything thereon
- Art. 10 To see if the town will accept the jury list as revised by the Selectmen
- Art. 11 To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money for the town if necessary in anticipation of the taxes the current year
- Art. 12 To see if the town will maintain Street lamps the present year or act anything thereon
- Art. 13 To see what amount of money the town will raise for the repair of Roads and Bridges the present year
- Art. 14 To vote Yes. or No. in answer to the question Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in town the present year?
- Art. 15 To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor law
- Art. 16 To see if the town will buy a fire engine for the South Village or act anything thereon
- Art. 17 To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of Memorial Library the present year.
- Art. 18 To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of schools the present year or act anything thereon
- Art. 19 To see what amount of money the town will raise for school supplies the present year
- Art. 20 To see if the town will vote to buy a stone crusher or act anything thereon
- Art. 21 To see if the town will rescind the vote passed at a meeting March 3 1890 whereby they voted to allow five per cent interest on funds deposited with the town for the care of lots in the cemeteries or act anything thereon

- Art. 22 To see if the town will choose a committee of investment to invest the different sums of money which have been or may be deposited with the town, the income of which is to be expended in the perpetual care of lots in the cemeteries
- Art. 23 To see if the town will take any action in regard to fish and game laws
- Art. 24 To see what amount of money the town will raise to defray town charges the present year
- Art. 25 To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to petition the State Highway Commission to build a State road from Kelly's Corner to Acton Center. The polls will be open by ten o'clock A.M. and may be closed at 2 o'clock P.M.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting safe copies attested by you in the following places one in each of the Post Offices in the town, one at each of the Railroad Stations in the town, one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co., M. E. Taylor & Co., H. A. Littlefield, Tuttle, Jones & Methuen, one at the office of F. J. Hastings and Co. and one at the Negro House, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time for holding said meeting given under our hands in Acton this twenty second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine

C. F. Tucker Conant }  
William F. Stevens }  
David C. Harris }  
Selectmen of Acton

I hereby certify that duly attested copies of the within warrant have been posted as directed by the Selectmen seven days before the time appointed for holding said meeting

William F. Stevens

Acton March 24 1899 Constable of Acton

# Proceedings of the Annual Meeting held April 3 1899

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Acton held on Monday the 3<sup>d</sup> day of April 1899 at 9 o'clock A.M. The articles in the warrant calling said meeting were acted upon in the following manner

Lyman C Taylor and Abram Tuttle were sworn as tellers by the Town Clerk

J. Warren Flagg, Delette H Hall, Stephen F Townsend and Webster C Robbins were appointed and sworn <sup>additional</sup> tellers by the Moderator.

Art. 1. Luther Conant was chosen Moderator.

Art. 2. Voted, Not to accept the provisions of law relative to choosing a Highway Surveyor.

Art. 3. Voted, To choose three Road Commissioners and accept the provisions of law relative thereto.

Art. 4. Voted, Not to rescind said vote.

Voted, To request the Selectmen to call the annual town meeting the last Monday in March and that the annual meeting be adjourned to a date fixed by the meeting if necessary.

Art. 5. Voted, To accept the reports of the several town officers as printed.

Art. 6. Voted to fix the salary of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year at \$150. the same to include posting the town warrants, enforcing the dog law and all other duties hitherto performed by said officer.

Voted, That the salary of the Road Commissioners be fixed at twenty five cents per hour employed.

Voted, That Laborers be paid seventeen and one half cents per hour employed.

Voted, That a double team and man be paid forty two and one half cents per hour employed.

Voted, to proceed to choose on one ballot.

1 Town Clerk, 1 Town Treasurer, 3 Selectmen  
3 Assessors, 3 Overseers of the Poor, 1 School Committee  
1 Collector of Taxes, 5 Constables, 3 Cemetery Committee  
3 Fence Viewers, 6 Surveyors of lumber, wood, etc.,  
8 Field Drivers, 1 Trustee of Memorial Library  
1 Auditor, 3 Road Commissioners

The following town officers were chosen  
Town Clerk, H. Space, F. Tuttle sworn by Moderator  
Town Treasurer, Jona H W. Metherbee sworn by J. P.  
Selectmen, E. Faulkner Conant, William F. Stevens

David C Harris all sworn by the Moderator  
Assessors, James B Tuttle sworn by W. D. Tuttle, J. P.  
William F. Stevens, L. James Metherbee sworn by T. C.  
Overseers of the Poor, E. Faulkner Conant, W. F. Stevens  
David C Harris all sworn by the Moderator.

School Committee for 3 years, Charles J. Williams  
Collector of Taxes, W. F. Stevens sworn by Town Clerk.  
Constables, W. F. Stevens sworn by the Moderator

Moses A. Reed " " " "  
James H. Kinsley " " " " Town Clerk.  
Lorenzo E. Reed " " J. H. Metherbee, J. P.

J. Sidney White  
Cemetery Committee, John Fletcher, Horace F. Tuttle,  
Charles B. Stone.

Fence Viewers, Daniel H. Farrar sworn by Town Clerk.  
Reuben L. Reed.

Oliver W. Mead, sworn by Moderator.

Surveyors of lumber, wood, hoops and staves,  
Herbert F. Clark, sworn, Jonathan P. Fletcher sworn  
Edgar H. Hall sworn, Edward F. Richardson sworn  
Henry D. Parlin sworn, Daniel H. Farrar, declined  
Field Drivers, Carlton C. Taylor, Jas. F. Kinsley, Jr.  
Elwyn W. Harris, W. F. Stevens sworn.  
James H. Kinsley sworn, L. E. Reed.  
Moses A. Reed, sworn, J. Sidney White



Trustee of Memorial Library

Chas. Williams for 3 years.

Auditor Frank W. Hoyt sworn by J. P.

Road Commissioners

Nahum Littlefield for 1 year sworn by Town Clerk

Anson C. Loper for 2 years sworn by Justice of the Peace.

William H. Kingsley for 3 years sworn by Moderator

Voted to choose a Tree Warden.

E. Faulkner Conant was chosen Tree Warden

Voted That the Selectmen, Adellbert Mead and

F. P. Wood be a Committee to enforce the liquor laws.

Art. 7 Heard the report of the Committee appointed Feb. 2 1899 to investigate the matter of school accommodations in South Acton, which was the recommendation to erect a High School Building at Pillsbury Corner. <sup>Voted to accept the report of the Committee</sup> A motion that the town build a High School Building this year, the matter of location to be left with the State Board of Education did not prevail 81 voting no. and 54 yes.

Acting on the report of the School Committee as printed in the annual town report page 60 first paragraph. Voted that the matter of the location of the High School be left with the School Committee.

Art. 8 Voted To appropriate the sum of Fifty dollars.

Art. 9 Voted Not to put an addition on the South School Building 73 voting yes. 109 no.

Art. 10 Voted To accept and adopt the jury list as revised by the Selectmen and printed in the town report after striking from it the name of Elisha H. Cutler

Art. 11 Voted That the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow in anticipation of the taxes for the year 1899 such sums of money as may be needed from time to time; for the current expenses of the town

paying therefor the current market rate of interest giving the note or notes of the town therefor, signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by at least a majority of the Selectmen to be paid from the taxes to be raised in the year 1899.

Art. 12 Voted To maintain street lamps the present year

Voted That the Selectmen pay the sum of \$3 1/2 dollars per lamp to be expended the same as last year

Art. 13 Voted to raise the sum of Three thousand dollars \$3000.

Art. 14 Whole number of ballots cast. 134  
Yes 32 No 102.

Art. 15 Voted to appropriate the sum of Five hundred dollars \$500.

Art. 16 Voted That the Selectmen be instructed to purchase a fire engine, of the same style as that now located in Acton Center, to be placed in South Acton.

Art. 17 Voted that the town raise the sum of Four hundred dollars for current expenses, and Two hundred dollars for the purchase of books.

Art. 18 Voted to raise for Common Schools \$3400.

High school 1600.

School supplies 475

Trans. of East Pupils 360

Trans. of S. E. pupils 270

Apparatus and Books for High school 1100.

Salary of Supt of Schools 450

Trans. of North pupils 240

Trans. of pupils between South & West. 240. (Acton.)

Art. 19 Action taken under Art. 18.

Art. 20 Voted that the matter be referred to the Selectmen and Moderator

Art. 21 Voted To rescind the vote passed at a

- meeting March 3 1890 whereby they voted to allow five per centum interest on funds deposited with the town for the care of lots in cemeteries.
- Art 22 Voted, That the Treasurer be a Committee of Investment, to invest the different sums of money that have been or may be deposited with the town for the perpetual care of lots in cemeteries, the income of which is to be expended in the care of lots, and the money to be invested in Savings Banks.
- Art 23 Voted, That the Selectmen and Edward F. Richardson be a committee to petition the Legislature to allow towns to protect game within their limits.
- Art 24 Voted to raise Five thousand dollars \$5000.
- Art 25 Voted to pass over the article
- Art 24 Voted that the Collector charge interest at the rate of five per cent per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of Nov. next.
- Voted, That all taxes shall be paid on or before the first day of March next, and if any taxes remain unpaid after that date the Collector shall collect according to law.
- For Town Office Polls opened at. 10.45 A.M.  
Polls closed at. 3.10. P.M.
- For Question of License Polls opened at. 11.15 A.M.  
Polls closed at. 3.15 P.M.
- Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting as read by the Town Clerk.
- Voted, To dissolve the meeting
- A. true record.
- Alfred Horace F. Tuttle.  
Town Clerk.

# Warrant for the Town Meeting

held April 17th 1899

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Acton in the County of Middlesex Greeting:  
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Acton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to assemble in the town hall in said town on Monday the seventeenth day of April A. D. 1899 at 1-30 o'clock P. M. then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper Viz.

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to locate and build a High School Building at or near Acton Center or act anything thereon.
- Art. 3. To see if the town will let out the coal used in the different town buildings to the lowest bidder or act anything thereon.
- Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to buy teams to do the town work or act anything thereon.
- Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to purchase hose for fire purposes in West Acton or take any action in reference to fire protection in that village.
- Art. 6. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to enforce the provisions of the laws as set forth in Chap. 196 of the Acts of 1890 or act anything thereon.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies attested by you in the following places. One in each of the Post Offices in the town one at each of the Railroad Stations in the town.



One in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co.  
 M. E. Taylor & Co. H. S. Littlefield Tuttle and Newton  
 one at the office of F. J. Hastings & Co. and one at  
 the Nagog House, seven days at least before  
 the time appointed for holding said meeting.  
 Hereof fail not and make due return of this  
 Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen  
 or Town Clerk on or before the time for holding  
 said meeting. Given under our hands in  
 Acton this 21st day of April in the year of our  
 Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine

E. Faulkner Conant } Selectmen  
 William F. Stevens } of  
 David C. Harris } Acton

I hereby certify that copies of the within  
 Warrant duly attested by me have been posted  
 in the several places as designated by the Selectmen.  
 Seven days before the time for holding said meeting.

William F. Stevens  
 Acton April 7th 1899 Constable of Acton

## Proceedings of the Meeting held. April 17th 1899

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the  
 town of Acton held on Monday the seventeenth  
 day of April 1899 at 1-30 o'clock P. M.  
 the articles in the warrant calling said meeting  
 were acted upon in the following manner.

Art. 1 Luther Conant was chosen Moderator.  
 Abram Tuttle, Lyman C. Taylor, D. James Wetherbee  
 and Delette C. Hall were appointed and sworn  
 as tellers by the Moderator.

Art. 2 Voted, that the town build this present year  
 a new High School Building, not to exceed  
 a cost of Seven thousand dollars, to be located  
 on the land of James B. Tuttle, on the outskirts  
 of the village and known as the Peach Orchard site.  
 Voted, That Chas. M. Kimball E. F. Conant,  
 D. James Wetherbee Chas. H. Mead and Luther Conant,  
 be a committee to carry out the preceding  
 vote of the town.

Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to borrow  
 a sum of money, not exceeding seven thousand  
 dollars, to carry out the preceding votes of the  
 town.

Art. 3 The first action under the article was taken  
 by ballot. Yes and No, 127 Yes. 116. No.  
 The second and third action was taken by  
 a viva voce vote.

Art. 3 Voted, That all coal used by the Town  
 of Acton be contracted for, and that  
 the Selectmen be instructed to award the  
 contract for same to the lowest bidder.

Art. 4 Voted, Not to purchase teams for the  
 use of the town.

Art. 5 Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed  
 to lay a 6 inch iron pipe in West Acton from the

Factory of Hall Bros. to the store of C. H. Mead & Co.  
and purchase 1000 feet of hose and hose carriage  
if necessary.

Art. 6. Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed  
to enforce the law

Voted, To accept the minutes of the meeting

Voted, To dissolve the meeting.

a true record.

Attest, Horace T. Tuttle.  
Town Clerk.

Warrant for a Meeting May 8<sup>th</sup> 1899

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the  
Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex  
Greeting:—

You are hereby required in the name  
of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify  
and warn the inhabitants qualified to vote in  
elections and town affairs to assemble in the  
Town Hall in said town on Monday the eight  
day of May A. D. 1899 at 1.30 o'clock P. M.  
then and there to act upon the following articles  
as they may think proper:—

Art. 1. To Choose a Moderator to preside at said  
meeting.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to reconsider  
or rescind the vote passed April 17<sup>th</sup> 1899 at the  
special town meeting whereby they voted that  
the town build the present year a new High  
School Building not to exceed a cost of \$7000,  
to be located on land of James B. Tuttle  
on the outskirts of the village and known as  
the peach orchard site.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to locate  
and build a High School Building in any  
part of said town or take any action for the  
relief of the school in South Acton and see  
if the town will make an appropriation  
therefor and to authorize the proper authorities  
to borrow a sum of money to be used for either  
of the above named purposes or act anything  
therein.

Art. 4. To see if the town will appropriate  
\$1200. twelve hundred dollars. for furnishing



Fire Protection in West Acton as voted  
April 17 1899

Art. 5 To see what action the town will take in relation to the completion of the cash road.

Art. 6 To see what action the town will take in reference to drawing out interest on cemetery funds.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies, attested by you in the following places. One in each of the Post Office in the Town, one at each of the Railroad Station in the town one in each of the stores of M. E. Taylor & Co., H. A. Littlefield, C. H. Mead & Co. Tittle & Newton, one at the office of F. J. Hastings and Co. and one at the Mayor House. seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with you doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands in Acton this twenty sixth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine

E. Faulkner Conant } Selectmen  
Wm<sup>r</sup> F. Stevens } of Acton  
David C. Harris }

This is to certify that copies of the within warrant duly attested by me, have been posted as directed by the Selectmen seven days before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

William F. Stevens

Constable of Acton

Acton April 28<sup>th</sup> 1899

## Proceedings of the Meeting held May 8<sup>th</sup> 1899

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Acton held on Monday the eighth day of May A.D. 1899 at 1-30 o'clock P.M. the articles in the warrant calling said meeting were acted upon in the following manner. Viz-

- Art. 1 Luther Conant was chosen Moderator  
Lyman C. Taylor, Abram Tittle, Delethe H. Hall, and J. Warren Flagg were appointed and sworn as tellers by the Moderator
- Art. 2 Voted, To reconsider the votes passed at last town meeting in reference to erecting a High School Building
- Voted, To dismiss the article
- Art. 3 Voted, To dismiss the article
- Art. 4 Voted, To dismiss the article
- Art. 5 Voted, To instruct the Road Commissioners to expend a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars for the completion of the cash road.
- Art. 6 Voted, To authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to draw the interest on funds invested for care of lots in cemeteries, as it may become due.

Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting

Voted, To dissolve the meeting

A true record.

Attest Horace F. Tittle,  
Town Clerk.

Warrant for a Meeting July 13<sup>th</sup> 1899  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the  
Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex  
Greeting:

You are hereby required in the name  
of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to  
notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of  
Acton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs  
to assemble in the town hall in said town on

Thursday the thirteenth day of July A. D.  
1899 at 7-30 o'clock P. M. then and there  
to act upon the following articles as they may think  
proper Viz:—

Art 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said  
meeting

Art 2 To see what action the town will take in  
reference to the expenditure of the fifteen  
thousand dollars allotted to them by the  
State Highway Commission for the building  
of a state road in Acton

Art 3 To see if the town will authorize the  
making of a plan of the roads of Acton  
or act anything thereon

Art 4 To see what action the town will take  
in reference to bonds for its Collector and Treasurer

And you are hereby directed to serve this  
warrant by posting up copies attested by you  
in the following places, one in each of the  
Post Offices in the town, one at each of the  
Railroad Stations in the town, one in each of  
the stores of C H Mead & Co., H. J. Littlefield  
Tuttle and Newton and M. E. Taylor & Co  
one at the office of F. J. Hastings & Co and  
one at the Nagog House seven days at least

before the time appointed for holding said  
meeting. You fail not and make due return  
of this warrant with your doings thereon to the  
Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time  
appointed for holding said meeting  
Given under our hands in Acton the first day  
of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and ninety nine

Faulkner Conant } Selectmen  
William F Stevens } of Acton  
David C Harris }

This is to certify that copies of the within  
warrant duly attested by me have been posted  
in the several places as designated by the  
Selectmen, seven days before the time for holding  
said meeting  
Acton July 5 1899 William F Stevens Constable



## Proceedings of the Meeting

Held July 13<sup>th</sup> 1899

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Acton held on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, at 7-30 P.M. the articles in the warrant calling said meeting were acted upon in the following manner viz:

Art. 1 Luther Conant was chosen Moderator Oliver W. Mead, and L. James Wetherbee were appointed and sworn as tellers by the Moderator

Art. 2. Voted, That the town waive its rights to contract for the building of the proposed piece of State road allotted to the town and leave the matter of building to the Mass (State) Highway Commissioner

Art. 3 Voted, That the Selectmen, be authorized if judged expedient, to procure a large map of Acton, including the location of roads, public buildings and such other matter as they may deem advisable, the cost of the same not to exceed the sum of fifty dollars.

Art. 4 No action taken

Voted, To accept the minutes of the meeting

Voted, To adjourn without date

A true record.

Attest, Horace F. Tuttle.  
Town Clerk.

## Warrant for the State Election

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 1899.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Middlesex. S.S.  
To either of the Constables of the town of Acton in said County. Greeting:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Acton and particularly the legal voters thereof to meet in the polling places in the several precincts to which they respectively belong on Tuesday the seventh day of November 1899 at 11.45 o'clock A. M. Then and there to bring in their votes on one ballot for Governor, Lieut Governor, Secretary of State Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Commonwealth, Attorney General, Councilor for sixth Middlesex Dist, County Commissioner for Middlesex County, Sheriff for Middlesex County, Senator for sixth Middlesex Dist, Representative in General Court for twenty third Middlesex District. The polling places in the several precincts will be as follows.

In Precinct One, at the Town Hall.

In Precinct Two, in the Vestry of Universalist Church

In Precinct Three, in the School House, West Acton

The polls will be opened at 11.45 o'clock A. M.

and may be closed at 3.45 o'clock P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting copies thereof attested by you, one at each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations in town, one at the office of T. J. Hastings and Co. one at the Wagon House, and one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead and Co, M. E. Taylor and Co., Tuttle and Newton and H. A. Littlefield seven days at least before the time for holding said meetings

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time appointed for holding said meetings

Given under our hands in Acton the twenty fourth day  
of October in the year of our Lord, One thousand, Eight  
hundred and, Ninety nine

E. Faulkner Conant } Selectmen  
William F. Stevens } of Acton  
David C. Harris }

I hereby certify that copies of the within warrant duly  
attested by me, have been posted in the several places  
as directed by the Selectmen seven days before the time  
appointed for holding said meeting

Wm F Stevens  
Acton Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 1899 Constable of Acton

Proceedings of Meetings held Nov. 7 1899  
in Precincts, One, Two, and Three.  
in the Town of Acton.

The following is a record of the names of all persons,  
voted for, the number of votes received for each person,  
the title of the office for which he was proposed and  
the number of Blank ballots received for each office.

|                        | Precinct 1  | Precinct 2    | Precinct 3 | Totals |
|------------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|--------|
| <b>Governor.</b>       |             |               |            |        |
| Albert B. Coats.       | One.        | Two.          | One.       | 4      |
| W. Murray Crane        | Sixty       | Seventy three | Sixty one  | 194    |
| Robert Treat Paine Jr. | Eighteen    | Fifteen       | Twenty two | 55     |
| George R. Peare        | none        | none.         | One        | 1      |
| Winfield P. Porter     | One.        | One.          | none.      | 2      |
| Blanks.                | Two.        | Three.        | Two.       | 7      |
| <b>Lieut Governor.</b> |             |               |            |        |
| John L. Bates.         | Fifty nine  | Seventy five  | Sixty six  | 200    |
| John H. Mack.          | Seventeen   | Fifteen       | Eighteen   | 50     |
| James H. Roberts       | One.        | none.         | One.       | 2      |
| Isaac W. Skinner       | One.        | One.          | One.       | 3      |
| Blanks.                | Four        | Three.        | One.       | 8      |
| <b>Secretary</b>       |             |               |            |        |
| Charles H. Bradley     | One.        | Two.          | One.       | 4      |
| John B. Lewis Jr.      | One.        | none.         | Twelve.    | 13     |
| Henry Lloyd.           | Sixteen     | Fourteen      | Six        | 36     |
| Frank McDonald.        | none.       | One.          | none.      | 1      |
| William M. Olin        | Fifty eight | Seventy one   | Sixty two  | 191    |
| Blanks.                | Six         | Six           | Six        | 18     |
| <b>Treasurer</b>       |             |               |            |        |
| Edward S. Bradford.    | Fifty seven | Seventy two   | Sixty two  | 191    |
| Joseph J. Flynn        | Fourteen    | Five.         | Twelve.    | 43     |
| Herbert B. Griffin     | One.        | One.          | One.       | 3      |
| Frederick A. Hagler    | none.       | One.          | none.      | 1      |
| Charles W. White       | Three.      | One.          | none.      | 4      |
| Blanks.                | Seven.      | nine          | Five.      | 21     |



|  | Precinct 1  | Precinct 2    | Precinct 3   | Totals |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------|
| <i>Auditor</i>                                   |             |               |              |        |
| Elbridge Gerry Brown                             | eighteen    | thirteen      | eighteen     | 49     |
| John W. Kimball                                  | fifty-seven | seventy-three | sixty        | 190    |
| Franklin H. Palmer                               | one         | none          | one          | 2      |
| Blanks   | six         | eight         | eight        | 22     |
| <i>Attorney General</i>                          |             |               |              |        |
| Addison W. Barr                                  | two         | one           | none         | 3      |
| Hosea M. Knowlton                                | fifty-nine  | seventy-four  | sixty-five   | 198    |
| John H. Morrison                                 | thirteen    | twelve        | nineteen     | 44     |
| Sidney Perley                                    | one         | none          | one          | 2      |
| Blanks   | seven       | seven         | two          | 16     |
| <i>Councillor Sixth Dist</i>                     |             |               |              |        |
| Marcellus H. Fletcher                            | seventeen   | seventeen     | eighteen     | 52     |
| S. Herbert Howe                                  | fifty-six   | sixty-nine    | sixty-one    | 186    |
| Blanks   | nine        | eight         | eight        | 25     |
| <i>Senator (Sixth Middlesex)</i>                 |             |               |              |        |
| George G. King                                   | fifteen     | nineteen      | eleven       | 45     |
| Frank A. Patch                                   | sixty-one   | sixty-nine    | seventy-one  | 201    |
| Blanks   | six         | six           | five         | 17     |
| <i>Representative in General Court</i>           |             |               |              |        |
| Herbert E. Fletcher                              | sixty-two   | sixty-eight   | sixty-four   | 194    |
| T Frank. Mullin                                  | fourteen    | nineteen      | nineteen     | 52     |
| Blanks   | six         | seven         | four         | 17     |
| <i>County Commissioner</i>                       |             |               |              |        |
| Levi S. Gould                                    | sixty-four  | seventy-four  | seventy-four | 212    |
| Joseph W. Schugel                                | three       | one           | none         | 4      |
| Blanks   | fifteen     | nineteen      | thirteen     | 47     |
| <i>Sheriff</i>                                   |             |               |              |        |
| John R. Fairbairn                                | sixty-one   | seventy-two   | seventy-two  | 205    |
| Alfred E. Jones                                  | one         | two           | one          | 4      |
| Blanks   | twenty      | twenty        | fourteen     | 54     |
| <i>Ballot box registered at opening of polls</i> | "           | "             | "            |        |
| <i>Ballot box registd at closing of polls</i>    | 99          | 94            | 87           |        |
| <i>Number of names checked on list</i>           | 82          | 94            | 87           |        |
| <i>Number of ballots cast</i>                    | 82          | 94            | 87           | 263    |
| Horace F. Tuttle Clerk of Precinct 1             |             |               |              |        |

Lorenzo E. Reed Clerk of Precinct 2.

Wm. F. Melby Clerk of Precinct 3.

A true copy of the records returned by the several precinct clerks.

Horace F. Tuttle, Town Clerk.

We hereby certify that the following is a true schedule of the names of all persons for whom votes were cast in the 23<sup>d</sup> Middlesex District for Representative in General Court and the number of votes given for each person at the State Election held Nov. 7 1899.

Herbert E. Fletcher of Westford Seven hundred and forty one votes  
T Frank. Mullin of Ayer Two hundred and fifty six  
Blanks fifty five

Total number of ballots cast One thousand and fifty two.  
Horace F. Tuttle Clerk of Acton Jonas Longly Clerk of Shirley  
Arthur Tenner. " " Ayer Gilman J. Wright Clerk of Westford  
Waldo E. Conant. " " Littleton

|                     | Acton | Ayer | Littleton | Shirley | Westford |
|---------------------|-------|------|-----------|---------|----------|
| Herbert E. Fletcher | 194   | 150  | 78        | 75      | 244      |
| T Frank. Mullin     | 52    | 103  | 15        | 33      | 53       |
| Blanks              | 17    | 12   | 1         | 4       | 21       |
| Totals              | 263   | 265  | 94        | 112     | 318      |

Warrant for Annual Meeting March 26, 1900.  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex S.S.  
To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton  
in the County of Middlesex Greeting:  
You are hereby required in the name of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn  
the inhabitants of the town of Acton, qualified to vote,  
in elections and town affairs to assemble in the  
Town Hall in said town on, Monday, the twenty-sixth  
A.D. 1900, at 11.30 o'clock A.M. Then and there to  
act upon the following articles as they may think  
proper, viz:

- Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- Art. 2 To see if the town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee and other town officers
- Art. 3 To choose all necessary town officers and committees, and fix salaries
- Art. 4 To hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen to report at this meeting
- Art. 5 To see what amount of money the town will raise for the due observance of Memorial Day
- Art. 6 To see if the town will accept the Jury list as revised by the Selectmen
- Art. 7 To see what amount of money the town will raise for the repairing of roads and bridges the present year
- Art. 8 To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the town if necessary in anticipation of taxes the current year
- Art. 9 To vote Yes or No in answer to the question shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in Acton the present year.

- Art. 10 To see what amount of money the town will for the support of Memorial Library the present year
- Art. 11 To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of schools the present year and act anything thereon
- Art. 12 To see what amount of money the town will raise for school supplies the present year
- Art. 13 To see if the town will raise a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor laws
- Art. 14 To see if the town will maintain street lamps the present year or act anything thereon
- Art. 15 To see if the town will accept the laying out or relocating by the Road Commissioners of the road from Dedboro to South Acton, in West Acton from a point near the house of Eugene L. Hall to a point near the house of W. H. Lawrence
- Art. 16 To see if the town will accept the widening and straightening by the Road Commissioners of the road from South Acton to Stow, near the house of Mrs. Davidson and Bowles
- Art. 17 To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road leading from a point near the house of Daniel Kenessey, northwesterly to the Acton Center road
- Art. 18 To see if the town will vote to hold but one annual town meeting instead of two
- Art. 19 To see if the town will rescind all action taken on Articles 21 and 22 in warrant of April 3, 1899 and accept ordinance in reference to Cemetery Trust. Fund or take any action thereon
- Art. 20 To see what action the town will take in reference to the collection of taxes the present year
- Art. 21 To see what action the town will take in reference to furnishing crushed stone for its roads.



Art 22 To see if the town will vote to build a new bridge near the Powder Mills on the road leading to Concord or act anything therein.

Art 23 To see what amount of money the town will raise for town charges.

The polls will be open by 11:45 o'clock A. M. and may be closed at 3:45 o'clock P. M.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting copies attested by you, in the following places: one in each of the Post Offices in the town, one at each of the Railroad Stations in the town, one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co, M. E. Taylor & Co, H. A. Littlefield, Tuttle & Newton, one at the office of T. J. Hastings & Co and one at the Ragged House seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time appointed for holding said meeting given under our hands, in Acton this tenth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand and nine hundred.

E. Faulkner Conant } Selectmen  
Wm. T. Stevens } of Acton  
David C. Harris }

This is to certify that copies of the within warrant duly attested, have been posted in the several places as designated by the Selectmen seven days before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Wm. T. Stevens  
Acton March 15<sup>th</sup> 1900. Constable of Acton

## Proceedings of the Annual Meeting March 26<sup>th</sup> 1900.

A meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Acton held on March 26<sup>th</sup> 1900 at 11:30 o'clock A. M. the articles in the warrant calling said meeting were acted upon in the following manner, viz: Abram Tuttle and Lyman C. Taylor were appointed to act as tellers at this meeting, by the Selectmen. In the absence of Lyman C. Taylor the Clerk appointed Hiram J. Hapgood to act for the election of a Moderator. Messrs. Hapgood & Tuttle sworn.

Art. 1 Luther Conant was chosen Moderator

Edw. L. Richardson was appointed and sworn as a teller by the Moderator.

Art. 2. Voted, To accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Road Commissioners and other town officers.

Art. 3 Voted, To proceed to choose on one ballot  
One Town Clerk, <sup>three</sup> Selectmen, Three Assessors  
Three Overseers of the Poor One member of the School Committee for one year, One member of the School Committee for three years, One collector of Taxes, Five Constables, Three Cemetery Committee, Three Town Viewers Six Surveyors of Lumber, Wood, Crops & Staves Five Field Drivers One Trustee of Memorial Library, One Auditor, One Road Commissioner and One Tree Warden.

Voted to fix the salary of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year at One hundred and fifty dollars, the same to include posting the warrants enforcing the dog law and all other duties hitherto performed by said officer.

Voted, That the salary of the Road Commissioners be fixed at twenty five cents per hour employed.

Voted, That laborers be paid seventeen and one half cents per hour employed.

Voted, That a double team and man be paid  
forty-two and one-half cents per hour employed.

Art. 4 Voted, To accept the report of the Committee on enforcement  
of the liquor laws.

Voted, To accept the report.

Art. 5 Voted, To appropriate One hundred dollars.

Art. 6 Voted, To accept and adopt the jury list as  
reported by the Selectmen.

Art. 7 Voted, To raise Thirty five hundred dollars.

Art. 8 The following town officers and Committees were  
chosen

Town Clerk, Horace F. Tuttle. sworn

Town Treasurer Jonathan K. W. Wetherbee sworn.

Selectmen E. Faulkner Conant. sworn W. F. Stevens sworn  
David C. Harris sworn.

Assessors, James B. Tuttle sworn

William F. Stevens sworn William J. Chapgood sworn

Overseers of the Poor, E. Faulkner Conant. sworn

William F. Stevens sworn David C. Harris sworn.

School Committee Frank R. Knocott for one year

Horace F. Tuttle for three years.

Collector of Taxes, W. F. Stevens sworn

Constables W. F. Stevens sworn James Winsley sworn

L. E. Reed. sworn W. H. Winsley sworn

Thomas McCarty

Cemetery Committee Julius Tuttle, Horace F. Tuttle.

Herbert T. Clark.

Fence Viewers Daniel H. Farrar sworn.

Reuben L. Reed. Oliver W. Mead.

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood, Hooks and Staves

Herbert T. Clark sworn J. P. Fletcher sworn Edgar H. Hall.

E. F. Richardson sworn M. E. Taylor. J. E. Billings

Field Dirins W. F. Stevens sworn James Winsley

L. E. Reed, W. H. Winsley Thomas McCarty

Trustee of Memorial Library for three years.

Lucius A. Cassette

Auditor Frank W. Hoyt sworn

Road Commissioner Nahum Littlefield not sworn.

Heriman B. Gould appt by joint boards and sworn

Tre. Warden E. F. Conant

Chose, Adellest. Mead, Rev. T. P. Wood, L. V. Clough

Rev. W. F. Dussault, Rev. W. R. Buxton

Rev. G. Eastbrook, Rev. B. Copping a Committee  
to enforce the liquor laws.

Art. 8 Voted, To authorize the Treasurer with the  
approval of the Selectmen to borrow money  
for the town if necessary in anticipation of taxes  
the current year.

Art. 9 The Moderator appointed additional tellers  
Allen B. Parker, and Chas. E. Smith sworn by Moderator

Whole number of ballots cast, One hundred and twenty five

Yps. Eighty six No. Eighty nine

Art. 10 Voted, To raise Four hundred dollars for current expenses  
and, Two hundred dollars for new books.

Art. 11 Voted, To raise for. common schools, \$3550.

" high school 1700.

" transportation 900.

" books for high school 50.

" salary of Supt 450.

total, Six thousand Seven hundred and forty dollars.

Art. 12 Voted, To raise Four hundred and twenty five dollars.

Art. 13 Voted, To raise Five hundred. dolls.

Art. 14 Voted, To appropriate Three and one-half dolls

for lamp, approved by the Selectmen

Art. 15 Voted, To accept the laying out and relocation  
of the road from Boxboro to South Acton  
from a point in West Acton near the house  
of Eugene L. Hall, to the South Acton road  
near the house of W. H. Lawrence.

Art. 16 Voted, To dismiss the article

Art. 17 Voted, To discontinue the piece of road  
described



Art. 18. Voted, To hold the annual town meeting the last Monday in March, to be called not later than nine o'clock A. M.

Art. 19 Voted, To pass over the article

Art. 20. Voted, That the collector charge interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of Nov. next.

Voted, That all taxes shall be paid on or before the first day of March next, and if any taxes remain unpaid after that date the Collector shall collect according to law.

Art. 21 Voted, To pass over the article

Art. 22. Voted, To build a new stone bridge near the powder mills on the road leading to Concord Voted, To raise Seven hundred dollars to build the bridge and repair the road.

Art. 23 Voted to raise twenty five hundred dollars for town charges.

Voted, To accept the minutes of the meeting

Voted, To adjourn without day

A true record, attest,

Horace T. Tuttle.

Town Clerk,

## Warrant for a Town Meeting

August 21 1900.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

Middlesex s.s. To either of the Constables in the town of Acton in the County of Middlesex Greeting: - You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall, in said town on

Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> twenty first day of August A.D. 1900 at 7-30 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles as they may think proper viz: -

Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Art. 2 To see what action the town will take in reference to authorizing its Selectmen to contract with the Mass. Highway Commission for the construction of two sections of State highway the present year in accordance with Chap. 404. Acts of 1900

Art. 3 To determine whether the town will authorize the Selectmen to petition the Court for a separation of grades between the N.Y. N.H. & H., and B. & M. R.R. Co's. tracks and the Great Road so called or will take any action relating thereto

Art. 4 To see what action the town will take to procure two cannon to place on Acton Common

Art. 5 To see what action the town will take in reference to a fire engine for the South Village

Art. 6 To see what action the town will take in reference to improving the Isaac Davis Monument Grounds.

Art. 7 To see what action the town will take in reference to authorizing the Selectmen to sell

the East Acton school-house grounds.  
 And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant  
 by posting copies attested by you in the following  
 places, one in each of the Post Offices, one at each  
 of the Railroad Stations, one in each of the stores  
 of C. H. Mead & Co., M. E. Taylor & Co., H. A. Little  
 field, Tuttle & Newton, Office of T. J. Hastings & Co.  
 and the Stage House. Seven days at least before  
 the time appointed for holding said meeting.  
 Hereof fail not and make due return of this  
 warrant, with your doings thereon to the Selectmen  
 or Town Clerk on or before the time appointed  
 for holding said meeting.  
 Given under our hands in Acton this eighth  
 day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand  
 and nine hundred

Wm. J. Stevens } Selectmen  
 E. Faulkner Conant } of Acton  
 David C. Harris }

This is to certify that copies of the within warrant  
 duly attested by me have been posted in the several  
 places designated by the Selectmen seven days  
 before the time appointed for holding said meeting.  
 James Kinsley  
 Acton Aug 13 1900. Constable of Acton

## Proceedings of the Meeting held August 21<sup>st</sup> 1900.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the  
 town of Acton held on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> day  
 of August 1900 at 7-30 o'clock P.M.

The articles in the warrant calling said meeting  
 were acted upon in the following manner viz:-

- Art. 1 Luther Conant was chosen Moderator  
 The Moderator appointed Charles M. Kimball  
 and Lyman C. Taylor tellers who were sworn.
- Art. 2 Voted that the town waive its rights to contract  
 for the building of the proposed sections of  
 State Highway allotted to the town and leave  
 the matter of Building to the Mass. Highway  
 Commission
- Art. 3 Voted, That the Board of Selectmen be  
 requested to petition the Court for a separation  
 of grades between the tracks of the N.Y. N.H. & H.  
 and B. & M. R.R.s and the Great Road, so  
 called - and take such other action in the  
 matter as may seem to them desirable and  
 expedient
- Art. 4 Chose a Committee consisting of  
 E. Faulkner Conant Deleete H. Hall and Chas M. Kimball
- Art. 5 Voted, That the town appropriate Six hundred  
 dollars to be placed in the hands of the Selectmen  
 to be expended at their discretion for fire apparatus  
 in South Acton.
- Art. 6 Voted, That the Selectmen with Luther  
 Conant and Augustine Hosmer be a committee  
 to provide a proper resting place for the Stone  
 presented to this town by the Town of Concord  
 and also have a suitable inscription placed  
 upon it
- Voted, That no action be taken in the matter  
 of the alteration of the Monument grounds



until a plan is reported to the town

Voted, That Luther Conant, William D. Tuttle,

E. J. Conant, Wm H. Kinsley and, Julius Tuttle

be a committee to consider the matter and report to the town

Art. 7. Voted, To dismiss the article.

Voted, To accept the minutes of the meeting

Voted, To adjourn without day  
a true record.

Attest Horace F. Tuttle,  
Town Clerk.

# Warrant for the State Election

held Nov. 6 1900

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Middlesex S.S.  
To the Constable of the town of Acton in said

County. Greeting:-

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Acton and particularly the legal voters thereof to meet at the polling places, in the several precincts to which they respectively belong on Tuesday the sixth day of November A. D. 1900 at 11, 45 o'clock A. M.

Then and there to bring in their votes on one ballot for Presidential Electors, Representative in Congress, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State Treasurer and, Receiver General, Auditor of the Commonwealth, Attorney General, Counsellor for Sixth Middlesex District, County Commissioner for County of Middlesex, Senator for Sixth Middlesex District, Representative in General Court for twenty third Middlesex District, County Treasurer for Middlesex County, Register of Deeds for County of Middlesex and any and all State, County, and District Officers

The polling places in the several precincts will be as follows. In Precinct One at the Town Hall.

In Precinct Two in Vestry of the Universalist Church South Acton.

In Precinct Three in the School House West Acton

The polls will be opened at 11, 45 o'clock A. M.

and may be closed at 3, 45 P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting copies thereof attested by you, one in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations in the town One in the Office of T. J. Hastings & Co. One at Nagog House. and one in each of the stores of M. E. Taylor & Co. Tuttle and Newton, C. H. Mead & Co.

and H. A. Littlefield seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meetings Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk in or before the time for holding said meetings

Given under our hands in Acton the twenty second day of October in the year One thousand nine hundred

William F. Stevens  
E. Faulkner Conant  
David C. Harris

Selectmen of Acton

This is to certify that copies of the within warrant duly attested by me have been posted in the several places as designated by the Selectmen seven days before the time appointed for holding said meetings

James Hinsley  
Acton Mass. Oct. 1900 Constable of Acton.

# Proceedings of Meeting held Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 1900.

in Precincts. One, Two and Three Town of Acton. The following is a record of the names of all persons voted for, the number of votes received for each person, the title of the office for which he was proposed, and the number of blank ballots received for each office.

| For Presidential Electors   | Precinct 1   | Precinct 2      | Precinct 3  | Total |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|-------|
| At large.                   | Bryan        | Stearns         |             |       |
| Thomas. Wentworth Higginson | thirty eight | twenty four     | thirty five | 97    |
| Thomas. J. Garzan           | thirty eight | twenty four     | thirty five | 97    |
| McKinley                    | thirty eight | twenty four     | thirty five | 97    |
| Roger Wolcott.              | eighty nine  | one hundred one | one hundred | 289   |
| Williams. Whiting           | eighty eight | one hundred one | one hundred | 288   |
| Woolley and Melcalp         |              |                 |             |       |
| Edward Kendall.             | one.         | none.           | three       | 4     |
| John Bascom                 | one.         | none            | three       | 4     |
| Edward Waldo Emerson        | one.         |                 |             | 1     |
| Blanks.                     | seven        | eight           | one         | +6    |
| Pres. Electors. Dist No 1   |              |                 |             |       |
| William Huggert.            | thirty eight | twenty four     | thirty five | 97    |
| James W. Foote              | eighty eight | one hundred one | one hundred | 288   |
| Thomas A. Trissell          | one          | none            | three       | 4     |
| Blanks.                     | eight        | eight           | one         | +18   |
| Pres. Electors Dist No 2.   |              |                 |             |       |
| Charles J. Bellamy          | thirty eight | twenty four     | thirty five | 97    |
| Charles E. Stevens          | eighty eight | one hundred one | one hundred | 288   |
| Oliver W. Cobb.             | one          | none            | three       | 4     |
| Blanks.                     | eight        | eight           | one         | 18    |
| Pres. Electors. Dist No 3   |              |                 |             |       |
| Eben S. Stearns             | thirty eight | twenty four     | thirty five | 97    |
| Josiah Perry                | eighty eight | one hundred one | one hundred | 288   |
| William W. Nash             | one          | none            | three       | 4     |
| Blanks.                     | eight        | eight           | one         | 17.   |



| Pres. Electors Dist No 4  | Prec't 1     | Prec't 2    | Prec't 3    | Total |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| Robert E. Bisbee          | thirty eight | twenty four | thirty five | 97    |
| Josiah P. Thatcher        | eighty eight | one hundred | one hundred | 288   |
| Alfred L. Cutting         | one          | none        | three       | 4     |
| Blanks.                   | eight        | eight       | one         | 17    |
| Pres. Electors Dist No 5  |              |             |             |       |
| Nathan D. Pratt           | thirty eight | twenty four | thirty five | 97    |
| William Bege              | eighty eight | one hundred | one hundred | 288   |
| William W. Sherman        | one          | none        | three       | 4     |
| Blanks.                   | eight        | eight       | one         | 17    |
| Pres. Electors Dist No 6. |              |             |             |       |
| Arthur W. Huntington      | thirty eight | twenty four | thirty five | 97    |
| Arthur D. Story           | eighty eight | one hundred | one hundred | 288   |
| Frank H. Rand.            | one          | none        | three       | 4     |
| Blanks.                   | nine         | eight       | one         | 18    |
| Pres. Electors Dist No 7  |              |             |             |       |
| Thomas W. Dwyer           | thirty eight | twenty four | thirty five | 97    |
| George L. Morse           | eighty eight | one hundred | one hundred | 288   |
| George H. Harwood         | one          | none        | three       | 4     |
| Blanks.                   | nine         | eight       | one         | 18    |
| Pres. Electors Dist #8    |              |             |             |       |
| Henry T. Schaefer         | thirty eight | twenty four | thirty five | 97    |
| William H. Dyer           | eighty eight | one hundred | one hundred | 288   |
| George E. Crosby          | one          | none        | three       | 4     |
| Blanks.                   | nine         | eight       | one         | 18    |
| Pres. Electors Dist #9    |              |             |             |       |
| Thomas F. Heenan          | thirty eight | twenty four | thirty five | 97    |
| Henry C. Richardson       | eighty eight | one hundred | one hundred | 288   |
| Herbert B. Griffin        | one          | none        | three       | 4     |
| Blanks.                   | nine         | eight       | one         | 18    |
| Pres. Electors Dist #10   |              |             |             |       |
| Richard Sullivan          | thirty eight | twenty four | thirty five | 97    |
| John Shaw                 | eighty eight | one hundred | one hundred | 288   |
| Samuel T. Smith           | one          | none        | three       | 4     |
| Blanks                    | nine         | eight       | one         | 18    |

| Pres. Electors Dist #11 | Prec't 1     | Prec't 2     | Prec't 3     | Total  |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------|
| John H. Lee             | thirty eight | twenty four  | thirty five  | 97     |
| Eben S. Drafer          | eighty eight | one hundred  | one hundred  | 288    |
| Samuel B. Shepleigh     | one          | none         | three        | 4      |
| Blanks.                 | nine         | eight        | one          | 18     |
| Pres. Electors Dist #12 |              |              |              |        |
| Albert P. Worthen       | thirty eight | twenty four  | thirty five  | 97     |
| Wilmon W. Blackmar      | eighty eight | one hundred  | one hundred  | 288    |
| Edward G. Knight        | one          | none         | three        | 4      |
| Blanks.                 | nine         | eight        | one          | 18     |
| Pres. Electors Dist #13 |              |              |              |        |
| Charles R. Codman       | thirty eight | twenty four  | thirty five  | 97     |
| Edmund Anthony Jr.      | eighty eight | one hundred  | one hundred  | 288    |
| Elijah Humphries        | one          | none         | three        | 4      |
| Blanks.                 | nine         | eight        | one          | 18     |
| For Governor            |              |              |              |        |
| Charles H. Bradley      | none         | two          | nine         | two 2. |
| W. Murray Crane         | eighty nine  | ninety three | ninety one   | 273    |
| John M. Fisher          | one          | one          | five         | 7      |
| Robert Treat Paine Jr.  | thirty eight | twenty one   | thirty       | 89     |
| Blanks.                 | eight        | fifteen      | thirteen     | 36     |
| For Lieut Governor      |              |              |              |        |
| John L. Bates           | ninety one   | ninety nine  | ninety six   | 286    |
| John B. O'Donnell       | thirty four  | nineteen     | twenty seven | 80     |
| Wilbur M. Purrington    | two          | none         | three        | 5      |
| Morty E. Rother         | none         | none         | one          | 1      |
| George H. Wrenn         | two          | one          | none         | 3      |
| Blanks.                 | seven        | thirteen     | twelve       | 32     |
| For Secretary           |              |              |              |        |
| Addison W. Farr         | two          | none         | none         | 2      |
| William M. Oliver       | ninety       | ninety six   | ninety three | 279    |
| William H. Partridge    | one          | none         | four         | 5      |
| Luther Stephenson       | thirty five  | seventeen    | twenty eight | 80     |
| Blanks.                 | eight        | nineteen     | fourteen     | 41     |

| For. Treasurer                  | Prec't 1     | Prec't 2     | Prec't 3     | Total |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Edward L. Bradford              | eighty nine  | ninety nine  | ninety one   | 279   |
| Joseph L. Chalifoux             | thirty four  | nineteen     | twenty four  | 77    |
| Nicholson B. Johnson            | two          | none         | seven        | 13    |
| Stephen O. Haughness            | none         | one          | none         | 1     |
| Blanks                          | seven        | thirteen     | thirteen     | 37    |
| For. Auditor                    |              |              |              |       |
| Elbridge Gerry Brown            | thirty six   | eighteen     | twenty five  | 79    |
| Frank. Albin Forstrom           | none         | none         | one          | 1     |
| William L. Merrill              | eight        | two          | four         | 14    |
| Henry C. Turner                 | eighty three | ninety four  | eighty eight | 265   |
| Frank. S. Walsh                 | none         | one          | none         | 1     |
| Blanks                          | nine         | seventeen    | twenty one   | 47    |
| For. Attorney General           |              |              |              |       |
| John A. Billings                | one          | none         | none         | 1     |
| Allen Coffin                    | one          | one          | four         | 6     |
| John C. Crosby                  | thirty two   | eighteen     | twenty one   | 71    |
| Hosea M. H. Rowell              | ninety       | ninety nine  | ninety four  | 283   |
| Blanks                          | thirteen     | fourteen     | twenty       | 46    |
| Representative in Congress      |              |              |              |       |
| Charles D. Lewis                | thirty seven | twenty five  | forty        | 102   |
| Charles L. Tirrell              | eighty eight | ninety three | eighty four  | 265   |
| Blanks                          | eleven       | fourteen     | fifteen      | 40    |
| Councillor                      |              |              |              |       |
| S. Herbert Howe                 | ninety three | ninety two   | ninety two   | 277   |
| John J. Mahoney                 | thirty two   | twenty       | twenty seven | 79    |
| Blanks                          | eleven       | twenty       | twenty       | 51    |
| Senator                         |              |              |              |       |
| Frank L. Blood                  | thirty five  | twenty one   | twenty six   | 82    |
| Herbert C. Fletcher             | ninety two   | ninety five  | ninety two   | 279   |
| Blanks                          | nine         | seventeen    | twenty one   | 46    |
| Representative in General Court |              |              |              |       |
| William H. Colwell              | thirty six   | twenty seven | thirty five  | 98    |
| Melvin W. Longley               | ninety one   | ninety two   | eighty two   | 265   |
| Blanks                          | nine         | thirteen     | twenty two   | 44    |

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| For. County Commissioner                  | Prec't 1     | Prec't 2    | Prec't 3     | Total |
|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------|
| Truman W. Hagar                           | thirty five  | nineteen    | twenty five  | 79    |
| John C. Donnell.                          | one          | one         | one          | 3     |
| Samuel C. Upham.                          | ninety two   | ninety six  | eighty seven | 275   |
| Blanks.                                   | eight        | sixteen     | twenty six   | 50    |
| For. Register of Deeds.                   |              |             |              |       |
| Edwin O. Childs                           | ninety four  | ninety four | ninety two   | 280   |
| Charles A. Johnson                        | four         | seven       | two          | 13    |
| Blanks.                                   | thirty eight | thirty one  | forty five   | 114   |
| For. County Treasurer                     |              |             |              |       |
| Albert M. Grant                           | six          | eight       | three        | 17    |
| Joseph O. Hayden                          | ninety four  | ninety four | eighty nine  | 277   |
| Blanks.                                   | thirty six   | thirty      | forty seven  | 113   |
| Ballet box registered at opening of poll. | "            | "           | "            | "     |
| " " " " closing of poll.                  | "            | 132         | 139          | "     |
| Number of voters checked on lists         | 136          | 132         | 139          | 407   |
| Number of ballots cast.                   | 136          | 132         | 139          | 407   |

Horace T. Tuttle Clerk of Prec't 1. Abram Tuttle Clerk of Prec't 2.  
Wm. F. Hilkey Clerk of Prec't 3. A true copy of the records.  
returned by the several Precinct Clerks.

Attest: Horace T. Tuttle Town Clerk.  
We hereby certify that the following is a true schedule of the  
names of all persons for whom votes were cast for Representatives,  
in the 23rd Middlesex District at the State Election held.

Nov. 6, 1900 and the number of votes given for each person  
William H. Cowles of Ayer had six hundred and twenty four votes  
Melvin W. Longley of Shirley had nine hundred and twenty votes  
Horace T. Tuttle Town Clerk of Acton Jonas Longley T. C. of Shirley  
Arthur Temper " " Ayer Gilbert Wright " " Westford  
Waldo E. Conant " " Littleton Acton Nov. 16 1900.

|                    | Acton | Ayer | Littleton | Shirley | Westford | Total |
|--------------------|-------|------|-----------|---------|----------|-------|
| William H. Cowles. | 98    | 276  | 45        | 118     | 87       | 624   |
| Melvin W. Longley  | 265   | 161  | 118       | 124     | 252      | 920   |
| Blanks.            | 44    | 41   | 22        | 24      | 65       | 196   |
| Total.             | 407   | 478  | 185       | 266     | 404      | 1740  |



Warrant for Annual Meeting  
March 25<sup>th</sup> 1901.  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex, S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex Greeting:-

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in said town on Monday the twenty fifth day of March A. D. 1901. at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz:-

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To see if the town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee and other Town Officers.
- Art. 3. To hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen to report at this meeting.
- Art. 4. To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix salaries.
- Art. 5. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of twenty two hundred dollars for providing protection against fire in the villages of Acton Center, East Acton, North, South and West Acton, or do or act anything thereon.
- Art. 6. To see if the town will rescind all action taken on articles 21 and 22. in warrant of April 3 1899 and accept ordinance in relation to burials and Cemetery trust funds, or act anything thereon.
- Art. 7. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the observance of Memorial Day.
- Art. 8. To see if the town will accept the jury list as revised by the Selectmen or take any action thereon.

- Art. 9. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the repairing of Roads and Bridges.
- Art. 10. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money for the town if necessary in anticipation of taxes the present year.
- Art. 11. To vote Yes or No, in answer to the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Acton the present year.
- Art. 12. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of Memorial Library the present year.
- Art. 13. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of Schools the present year and act anything thereon.
- Art. 14. To see what amount of money the town will raise for purchase of School Supplies the present year.
- Art. 15. To see if the town will maintain Street Camps the present year or act anything thereon.
- Art. 16. To see what action the town will take relative to the collection of taxes the present year.
- Art. 17. To see what amount of money the town will raise, if any, for town charges.
- Art. 18. To see if the town wish to further instruct its Selectmen relative to the separation of grade crossings in the town or act anything thereon.
- Art. 19. To see if the town will authorize its Selectmen to release the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from all claims for damages arising from the change of grade on a proposed section of State Highway in the village of West Acton or act anything thereon.
- Art. 20. To see what action the town will take in regard to a suitable building for the Fire apparatus at South Acton.
- Art. 21. To see if the town will abate the taxes for the year 1900 on the West Acton Citizens Library.

Association property, amounting to seventeen dollars and to exempt the same from taxation or act anything thereon

Art 22 To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to sell the North Acton school-house and grounds or act anything thereon

Art 23 To see if the town will vote to close a piece of road on the snakerly side of the Davis Monument leading from Main St. to a point near the house of Isaac T. Flagg or act anything thereon

Art 24 To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of placing markers at graves of persons who served in the war of 1812, the Seminole, and the Mexican wars.

Art 25 To see if the town will appropriate money for the care of cemeteries the present year or act anything thereon

Art 26 To see if the town will build a road from the Leland-Stevens road (so called) past the Cold Storage building of C. W. Mead to the turnpike as laid out by the Road Commrs or act anything thereon

Art 27 To see if the town will adopt the provisions of Chap. 264. of the Acts of 1890 relating to public cemeteries or act anything thereon

Art 28 To see if the town will rebuild the bridge near the house of O. A. Innoulton leading to the house of E. H. Cutler or act anything thereon

The polls will be open by 10 o'clock A.M. and may be closed by 2 o'clock P.M. And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting copies attested by you in the following places. One at each of the Post Offices, one at each of the Railroad Stations one at the store of C. W. Mead & Co. M. E. Taylor & Co. H. A. Littlefield, Tuttle & Newton, one at the office

of F. J. Hastings & Co and one at the Nagog House seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting

Whereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time appointed for holding said meeting Given under our hands, in Acton this eleventh day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and one

W<sup>m</sup> F. Stevens Selectmen of  
E. Faulkner Conant Acton  
David C. Harris

I hereby certify that copies of the within warrant duly attested by me have been posted in the several places as designated in the warrant seven days before the time appointed for holding said meeting

James Winsley Constable of  
Acton March 1901 Acton



# Proceedings of the Annual Meeting held March 25<sup>th</sup> 1901

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Acton held on March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1901 at nine o'clock A.M.

the articles in the warrant calling said meeting were acted upon in the following manner viz:  
Lyman C. Taylor and Abram Tuttle were sworn as tellers by the Town Clerk.  
Hobart E. Mead, Charles E. Smith, Allen B. Parker & H. A. Littlefield were appointed additional tellers and sworn by the Moderator.

Art. 1. Luther Conant was chosen Moderator

Art. 2. Voted, To accept the reports of the several town officers as printed

Art. 3. No action taken.

Art. 4 Voted, To fix the salary of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year at one hundred and fifty dollars, the same to include posting the warrants enforcing the dog law and all other duties hitherto performed by said officer.  
Voted, That the salary of the Road Comm<sup>rs</sup> be fixed at twenty five cents per hour employed.  
Voted, That laborers be paid seventeen and one half cents per hour employed.

Voted, That a double team and man be paid forty two and one half cents per hour employed.  
Voted, That travel to and from work shall not be reckoned as time employed.

Voted, To proceed to choose on one ballot a Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, one School Committee for three years, one Collector of Taxes, four Constables, three Cemetery Committee, three Fence Viewers, seven Surveyors of Lumber, Wood, Hoops and Staves, four Field Drivers, one Trustee of Memorial Library for three years, one Auditor

one Road Comm<sup>rs</sup> for three years, one Road Commissioner for two years, one Tree Warden

The following town officers and committees were chosen.

Town Clerk Horace F. Tuttle sworn by the Moderator

Town Treasurer J. H. M. Metherbee sworn by E. F. Conant, J. P.

Selectmen Edwin A. Phalen sworn by the Moderator

E. Faulkner Conant " " "

W<sup>m</sup> F. Stevens " " " "

Assessors Job W. Dupree

Fred. S. Whitcomb

William F. Kelley sworn by the Moderator

Overseers of David C. Harris " " " "

the Poor William F. Kelley " " " "

Lyman C. Taylor " " " "

School Committee Frank R. Hinckley for three years

Collector of Taxes W<sup>m</sup> F. Stevens

Constables James Winsley sworn by the Town Clerk

William H. Winsley sworn by the Moderator

L. E. Reed sworn by E. F. Conant, J. P.

Daniel H. Farrar

Cemetery Committee Julian Tuttle

Herbert T. Clark Horace F. Tuttle

Fence Viewers Daniel H. Farrar sworn by the Town Clerk

Reuben L. Reed

Oleiver W. Mead

Surveyors of Herbert T. Clark sworn by the Moderator

Lumber, Wood Jonathan P. Fletcher

Hoops and Staves Edgar H. Hall " " " "

Edward F. Richardson

M. E. Taylor

James E. Billings

Charles E. Smith sworn by the Moderator

Trustee of Memorial Library W<sup>m</sup> D. Tuttle for 3 yrs

Tree Warden Charles J. Williams

Field  
Drivers

James Kinsley  
William H. Kinsley  
L. E. Reed. Sworn by C. F. Benant. J. P.

Auditor  
Road.

Daniel H. Farrar Sworn by the Moderator  
Frank W. Coit Sworn by the Moderator

Commissioners

Anson C. Piper Esq. Sworn by the Town Clerk

Art. 5

Albert H. Perkins Esq. Sworn by the Moderator

Voted, To lay an 8 inch cast iron pipe from the factory of Hall Bros. in West Acton to the corner of the Store of C. H. Mead & Co. and place one hydrant at said store and properly locate another on the line between said points, To purchase 1000. feet of unlined linen or rubber lined cotton hose as may be decided later and Horse Carriage for the same.

To purchase for South Acton 800. feet of rubber lined hose of same quality as lately purchased for that place at a cost of one hundred and sixty five dollars (\$165). To purchase for (100) one hundred dollars the F. R. R. water supply basin located near Henry Badger's Miller Mill site, excavate and properly fix said basin for a possible water supply in case of fire.

Also, to purchase a small Hand. Truck and 200 feet of hose. Same as in use of town at East Acton.

For North Acton at a cost of two hundred dollars \$200. To purchase at a cost of two hundred and ninety four dollars, twenty one small fire extinguishers and place three at North Acton, three at East Acton, five at Acton Center, five at South Acton and five at West Acton.

Voted, To authorize the hiring of a competent man at each part of the town where fire apparatus is located to properly care for it, to discharge and refit all the town chemicals as needed and clean and properly care for the hose after a fire.

Voted, To appropriate the sum of twenty two hundred dollars for the carrying out of these votes. To assess eleven hundred <sup>of</sup> said amount in the

taxes of 1901 and eleven hundred dollars in taxes of 1902. Voted, To instruct the Selectmen to immediately carry out these instructions except the laying of the Pipe in West Acton which is to be done at the earliest possible moment in Spring of 1901.

Voted, To instruct the Selectmen to borrow the eleven hundred dollars 1902 assessment if necessary.

Voted, That Delittle H. Hall and T. C. Hayward be a Committee to co-operate with the Selectmen in carrying out these votes. Mr. Hall to act so far as it relates to West Acton and Mr. Hayward to act so far as it relates to South Acton.

Art. 6. Voted, to adopt the following ordinance relative to funds deposited with the town for care of lots in Cemeteries.

Section 1 The Town of Acton Mass. will receive of any person any sum of money not less than fifty dollars nor more than Five hundred dollars, the interest thereof to be applied to the annual care of such lot in the public burial grounds of the Town of Acton as the person paying the money shall designate. Such deposit may be made perpetual if so desired by the person depositing the same.

Section 2 The Town Treasurer shall receive all sums of money paid in accordance with the preceding section giving a proper receipt of the town therefor, and shall annually at such time as the Cemetery Committee of the burial grounds of said town shall request, pay over to said Committee interest at the rate of three and one half per cent per annum upon all sums so paid to and receipted for by him with a statement of the several lots in the public burial grounds of said town upon which the interest so paid is to be expended.

Section 3 Said Cemetery Committee shall receipt for and faithfully <sup>apply</sup> all sums of interest so received by it in accordance with the statement so made by the Town Treasurer, and report its doings in the



Premises annually to the town But no part of said sums shall be used in paying for the official duties of said Committee. All of said amounts shall be judiciously and economically expended on each of the specified lots and in addition to keeping the grass cut, as many flowers as the money will permit shall be planted, watered and cared for on these lots, also once in every five years the monuments, markers, corner stones and curbing shall be properly cleaned and repaired the expense of the same to be deducted from the income, if sufficient, of the funds of the lots so cleaned. Should the town neglect to faithfully carry out the provisions of this act the money so deposited shall revert to the heirs of the person so depositing it.

Voted, That the following form of receipt shall be given in behalf of the town by its Treasurer to persons depositing money.

Received of A. B. Dollars as a perpetual fund the income of which is to be used to pay the expense of keeping in repair and good order lots in the Cemetery at Acton Mass. as follows - [description of lots.] This money is received in accordance with an ordinance of the town passed March 25/90.  
Town of Acton By - Treasurer.

Art. 7. Voted, To appropriate the sum of Fifty dolls.

Art. 8 Voted, To accept the jury list as revised by the Selectmen.

Art. 9 Voted, To raise Forty four hundred dollars.

Art. 10 Voted, To authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money for the town if necessary in anticipation of taxes the current year.

Art. 11 Whole number of ballots cast. 317.  
Yes. 136.  
No. 181.

Art. 11 Voted to appropriate Five hundred dollars to be placed in the hands of the Selectmen to enforce the liquor laws.

Art. 12 Voted, To raise Two hundred dollars for the purchase of books.

Voted, To raise Four hundred dollars for running expenses.

Art. 13 Voted to raise for common schools. \$3670.

" " " " High school 1700.

" " " " School supplies 475.

" " " " Transportation 1030.

" " " " books, for High school. 50.

" " " " salary of Supt 450.

Art. 14. Action taken under Article 13.

Art. 15 Voted, That the town take charge of lighting street lamps in the villages of the town, the territory to be lighted in each village to be determined by the Selectmen, and that each person maintaining a street lamp outside the villages, approved by the Selectmen, be allowed the amount expended per lamp in the village.

Art. 16. Voted, That the Collector charge interest at the rate of Five per cent per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of November <sup>next</sup>.  
Voted, That all taxes shall be paid on or before the first day of March next and if any taxes remain unpaid after that date the Collector shall collect according to law.

Art. 17 Voted, To appropriate Sixty two hundred <sup>\$6200</sup> dollars.

Art. 18 Voted, To defer action for the present.

Voted, That the Selectmen be authorized to employ an enginuar to make an estimate of the cost of separating the grades, between the N.Y. N.H. & H. R.R. and B & M N. R.R. Cts. tracks and the Great Road, so called, including land damages.

Art. 19 Voted, To pass over the article

Art. 20. Voted, To pass over the article

Art. 21 A motion that the Assessors be requested to abate the tax for the year 1900 and ex. empt. the property from taxation was negatived.

Art. 22 Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to sell the property at public auction, provided they shall not accept an offer less than Five hundred dollars.

Art. 23 Voted to close and discontinue the piece of road described in the article

Art. 24 Voted to appropriate Twenty five dollars to carry out the purpose of the article

Art. 25 Voted, To appropriate Five hundred dollars for the care of cemeteries

Art. 26. Voted, not to build the road as laid out,

Art. 27 Voted, to adopt the provisions of Chap. 264 Acts of 1890 relating to public cemeteries

Art. 28 Voted, To appropriate One hundred dollars to repair or rebuild the bridge so that it shall be safe for travel

A vote was passed, that with the permission of the Cemetery Committee any person in Town may deposit rubbish or refuse on the ground near the Southwest corner of Mt Hope Cemetery.

Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting

Voted to adjourn without day

A true record, attests:

Horace F. Tuttle,

Town Clerk,

# Warrant for the Town Meeting

Held April 18<sup>th</sup> 1901.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex Greeting:  
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in said Town of Acton on Thursday the eighteenth day of April AD 1901 at 7.30 o'clock P. M. Then and there to act on the following articles as they may think proper

Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Art. 2 To choose two Assessors or act anything therein

Art. 3 To see if the town will choose a Board of Health appropriate a sum of money or act therein

Art. 4 To hear and act upon the report of any Committee

Art. 5 To determine whether the town will accept from Elbridge J. Robbins the gift of a piece of land adjoining Woodlawn Cemetery and include it as a part of said Cemetery, whether the town will purchase of said Robbins a piece of land adjoining said Cemetery for burial purposes, or whether it will take any other action in relation thereto

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting copies attested by you in the following places One in each of the Post Offices in the town One at each of the Railroad Stations One in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co., Tuttle & Newton, H. A. Littlefield M. E. Taylor & Co. One at the office of F. J. Haskins & Co.



and one at the Nagog House seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time appointed for holding said meeting given under our hands in Acton this fourth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred

and one  
William F. Stevens Selectmen  
E. Faulkner Conant of Acton  
Edwin H. Phalen

I hereby certify, that attested copies of the within warrant have been posted in the several places as designated in the warrant seven days before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

James Winsley Constable of Acton  
Acton April 9 1901

## Proceedings of the Meeting

Heid April 18th 1901

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Acton held the eighteenth day of April 1901 at 7.30 o'clock P.M. the articles in the warrant calling said meeting were acted upon in the following manner viz:

Chas H Mead and L. H. Tuttle were appointed tellers and sworn, by the Town Clerk.

Art. 1 Luther Conant was chosen Moderator

Art. 2. Proceeded to elect by ballot, two Assessors.  
Chas. E. Faulkner Conant sworn by the Moderator  
Chauncy B. Robbins

Art. 3. Voted, To Choose a Board of Health  
Chose by ballot, Chas. J. Williams for one year  
Frank E. Taster for two years  
Frank J. Barker for three years.

Voted, To appropriate fifty dollars.

Art. 4 Heard the report of the Committee chosen at a meeting held Aug 21 1900 to consider the improvement of the Isaac Davis Monument Grounds. The Committee presented a plan showing proposed changes of Tracts near the monument

Voted, That Horace F. Tuttle be added to the Committee

Voted, That the whole matter be left with the Committee, to do as <sup>they</sup> think expedient

Voted, To appropriate two hundred dollars for the use of said Committee

Art. 5 Voted, To purchase of Elbridge J. Robbins for \$100. a piece of land, containing about one and one half acres, South of Woodlawn Cemetery as recommended by the Cemetery Committee and that the Committee be authorized to give a deed to said Robbins of two burial lots included in this purchase, Voted to appropriate \$100.00

Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting  
Voted to adjourn without day. J. H. Taster Secy. Albeit  
Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk

# Warrant for the State Election

Held Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 1901

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton  
in said County

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in elections to meet at the polling places in the several precincts to which they respectively belong on Tuesday the fifth day of November next it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday of said month at 11 - 45 o'clock A.M.

Then and there to bring in their votes on one ballot for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Councillor and Senator for sixth Middlesex District, One Representative to the General Court for the Twenty-third Middlesex District County Commissioner for County of Middlesex, Two Associate Commissioners, District Attorney, Clerk of Court for County of Middlesex, Sheriff for said County and all officers to be elected at that time

The polling places in the several Precincts will be as follows.

1<sup>st</sup> Precinct One at the Town Hall.

2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Two in Vestry of the Universalist Church South Acton

3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Three in School House West Acton

The polls will be opened at eleven forty five o'clock A.M. and may be closed at forty five minutes past three o'clock P.M. And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting copies thereof attested by you.

One in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations in town, one in the office of T. J. Hastings & Co. One at the Mayor House, and one in each of the stores of M. E. Taylor and Co, C. H. Mead & Co. Tuttle & Austin and H. A. Littlefield seven days at least before the

time appointed for holding said meeting  
Given under our hands this sixteenth day of October  
in the year one thousand nine hundred and one

William T. Stevens Selectmen  
Franklin Conant of Acton  
Edwin A. Phalen

This is to certify that copies of the within warrant duly attested by me have been posted as directed by the Selectmen seven days before the time appointed for holding said meeting

signed James Winsley Constable  
Acton Oct. 23 1901

Ayer Mass. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 1901

We hereby certify that the following is a true schedule of the names of all persons for whom votes were cast for Representative in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Middlesex District at the State Election held Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1901 and the number of votes given for each person

Edwin A. Phalen of Acton had

two hundred and thirty eight votes 238

Webster C. Robbins of Acton had

six hundred and thirty one votes 631

Charles M. Spindall of Acton had one vote 1

John M. Maloney of Ayer had one vote 1

Horace T. Tuttle Town Clerk of Acton

Arthur Tenner " " " Ayer

Waldo E. Conant " " " Littleton

Josias Langley " " " Shirley

Gilman J. Wright " " " Westford



# Proceedings of Meetings

Hold November 5<sup>th</sup> 1901

In Precincts. One. Two and Three Town of Acton  
The following is a record of the names of all persons  
voted for, the number of votes received for each person,  
the title of the office for which he was proposed,  
and the number of Blank ballots received for each  
office.

| Governor.                       | Precinct 1   | Prec 2     | Prec 3       | Total |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------|
| W. Murray Crane                 | sixty three  | forty nine | sixty three  | 175   |
| John B. Lewis Jr.               | one          | none       | three        | 4     |
| Josiah Quincy                   | thirty       | eleven     | twenty three | 64    |
| George H. Whinn                 | one          | none       | one          | 2     |
| Blanks.                         | one          | two        | none         | 3     |
| Lieut. Governor                 |              |            |              |       |
| John L. Bates                   | sixty two    | forty nine | sixty two    | 173   |
| John W. Coughlin                | twenty seven | twelve     | twenty three | 62    |
| William C. Partridge            | two          | none       | three        | 5     |
| Charles W. White                | one          | none       | none         | 1     |
| Blanks.                         | four         | one        | two          | 7     |
| Secretary                       |              |            |              |       |
| Frederick W. Clark.             | one          | none       | three        | 4     |
| Alonso H. Dennett.              | two          | one        | two          | 5     |
| William M. Olin                 | sixty one    | forty six  | sixty three  | 170   |
| William B. Stone                | twenty eight | ten        | nineteen     | 57    |
| Blanks.                         | four         | five       | three        | 12    |
| Treasurer and Receiver General. |              |            |              |       |
| George C. Batchelder            | one          | none       | two          | 3     |
| Wendell P. Bosworth.            | one          | "          | one          | 2     |
| Edward L. Bradford.             | fifty nine   | forty five | sixty one    | 165   |
| Joseph L. Chalifen              | twenty nine  | fourteen   | twenty one   | 64    |
| Blanks.                         | six          | three      | five         | 14    |
| Auditor                         |              |            |              |       |
| James T. Dean                   | twenty eight | eleven     | nineteen     | 58    |
| John H. Smith                   | three        | none       | two          | 5     |
| Frank Thompson                  | two          | none       | one          | 3     |

| Auditor (continued)   | Prec 1       | Prec 2      | Prec 3       | Total |
|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------|
| Henry C. Turner   | fifty seven  | forty five  | sixty one    | 163   |
| Blanks.   | six          | six         | seven        | 19    |
| Attorney General.   |              |             |              |       |
| Allen Coffin  | two          | none        | three        | 5     |
| Robert Parker   | sixty one    | forty six   | sixty three  | 170   |
| Arthur A. Putnam  | twenty seven | eleven      | nineteen     | 57    |
| Clarence E. Spelman   | one          | one         | none         | 2     |
| Blanks.   | five         | four        | five         | 14    |
| Councillor Sixth Dist.                                      |              |             |              |       |
| Henry H. Benoit   | one          | none        | none         | 1     |
| George M. Buttrick  | one          | none        | two          | 3     |
| Francis L. Fletcher   | thirty one   | nine        | nineteen     | 59    |
| S. Herbert. Horoe   | fifty five   | forty eight | sixty one    | 164   |
| Blanks.   | eight        | five        | eight        | 21    |
| Senator Sixth Middlesex                                     |              |             |              |       |
| John P. Farley  | twenty six   | thirteen    | nineteen     | 58    |
| Herbert E. Fletcher   | sixty two    | forty five  | sixty five   | 172   |
| Blanks.   | eight        | four        | six          | 18    |
| Representative in General Court. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Middlesex |              |             |              |       |
| Edwin A. Phalen   | thirty one   | fourteen    | twenty nine  | 74    |
| Webster C. Robbins  | fifty one    | forty one   | fifty seven  | 149   |
| Charles M. Kimball  | one          | none        | none         | 1     |
| Blanks.   | thirteen     | seven       | four         | 24    |
| County Commissioner   |              |             |              |       |
| Francis Bigelow   | sixty seven  | fifty       | sixty seven  | 184   |
| Robert Lusk   | five         | two         | one          | 8     |
| William T. Merrill  | three        | none        | four         | 7     |
| Blanks.   | twenty one   | ten         | eighteen     | 49    |
| Associate Commissioners                                     |              |             |              |       |
| Christian Beck  | ten          | seven       | seven        | 24    |
| Louis Eisner  | seven        | four        | eight        | 19    |
| David T. Strange  | fifty one    | thirty four | thirty eight | 123   |
| Edward. Cassett Thompson                                    | forty eight  | thirty nine | forty seven  | 134   |
| Samuel H. Warren  | three        | none        | six          | 9     |
| Blanks.   | twenty three | forty       | twenty four  | 187   |

| District Attorney                | Prec 1        | Prec 2    | Prec 3      | Total |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------|
| Thomas J. Rooney                 | eight         | four      | five        | 17    |
| George A. Sanderson              | seventy three | fifty     | seventy one | 194   |
| Blanks                           | fifteen       | eight     | fourteen    | 37    |
| Clerk of Courts                  |               |           |             |       |
| Thodore C. Hard.                 | sixty six     | forty six | sixty six   | 178   |
| George F. Ritchie                | six           | two       | two         | 10    |
| Henry A. Smith                   | five          | none      | three       | 8     |
| Blanks                           | nineteen      | fourteen  | nineteen    | 52    |
| Sheriff                          |               |           |             |       |
| John R. Fairbairn                | sixty eight   | forty six | sixty two   | 176   |
| Francis P. Pinegan               | seven         | four      | three       | 14    |
| Roscoe G. Watson                 | three         | none      | four        | 7     |
| Blanks                           | eighteen      | twelve    | twenty one  | 51    |
| Number of names checked          | ninety six    | sixty two | ninety      | 248   |
| Number of ballots cast           | ninety six    | sixty two | ninety      | 248   |
| Ballot for registered at opening | zero          | zero      | zero        |       |
| Ballot for registered at close   | fifty six     | sixty two | ninety      |       |

Horace F. Tuttle Clerk of Prec 1 Abram Tuttle Clerk of  
Prec 2. William F. Melley Clerk of Prec 3.

A true record, attest.

Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk.

Vote for Representative in 23<sup>d</sup> Middlesex District  
Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 1901

|                               | Acton | Sper | Littleton | Shirley | Wetford | Total |
|-------------------------------|-------|------|-----------|---------|---------|-------|
| Edwin A. Phalen of Acton      | 74    | 74   | 21        | 25      | 49      | 238   |
| Walter C. Robbins of Acton    | 149   | 156  | 83        | 73      | 170     | 631   |
| Charles M. Fairbairn of Acton | 1     |      |           |         |         | 1     |
| John M. Maloney               |       | 1    |           |         |         | 1     |
| Blanks                        | 24    | 21   | 10        | 7       | 25      | 87    |
|                               | 248   | 252  | 114       | 100     | 244     | 958   |

## Warrant for the Town Meeting

Held March 31<sup>st</sup> 1902.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex s.s.

To either of the Constables in the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex Greeting:—  
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the Thirty first day of March A. D. 1902.

At 9 o'clock in the forenoon

Then and there to act on the following articles as they may think proper viz:—

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- Art. 2. To see if the town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee Library Trustees and other Town Officers
- Art. 3. To choose all necessary town officers and Committees and fix salaries
- Art. 4. To hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen to report at this meeting
- Art. 5. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the due observance of Memorial Day
- Art. 6. To see if the town will accept the Jury List as revised by the Selectmen
- Art. 7. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the repairing of Roads and Bridges the present year
- Art. 8. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the town, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes the current year
- Art. 9. To vote Yes or No in answer to the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in Acton the present year?
- Art. 10. To see what amount of money the Town will



- raise for the support of Memorial Library the present year
- Art. 11 To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of schools the present year, and act anything thereon
- Art. 12 To see what amount of money the town will raise for school supplies the present year
- Art. 13 To see what amount of money the town will raise for town charges, the present year or act anything thereon
- Art. 14 To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor laws.
- Art. 15 To see if the town will maintain street lamps the present year or act anything thereon.
- Art. 16 To see what action the town will take in reference to the collection of taxes the present year
- Art. 17 To see what action if any, the town will take if any, relative to proposed retirement of Luther Comant from the office of Presiding Officer of the town
- Art. 18 To see what action, if any, the town will take in regard to the abolition of any Grade Crossing in the town and instruct its Selectmen as to any action they may wish to take
- Art. 19 To determine whether the town will authorize the School Committee to receive compensation for services rendered, as provided in Section 39 of Chap. 42 of the Revised Statutes
- Art. 20 To see if the town will provide suitable buildings for fire apparatus in the town or act anything thereon
- Art. 21 To see if the town will appropriate the sum of One hundred dollars for four Band Concerts, in each village - Center, West and South Acton
- Art. 22 To see if the town will give the legal voters the first right to all kinds of town work, or act anything thereon
- Art. 23 To see if the town will refund to the family of George B. Wetherbee, One share of Fitchburg R.R.

- Stock, given to the Cemetery Committee by the late Phineas Wetherbee or act anything thereon
- Art. 24 To see if the town will accept the offer of One thousand dollars made by Abner M. Lathrop, provided they will vote to buy a stone crusher or act anything thereon
- Art. 25 To see if the town will vote to buy a road roller, or act thereon
- Art. 26 To see if the town will vote to repair Davis Monument or act anything thereon
- Art. 27 To see if the town will extend the drain leading from land of H. J. Fletcher to connect with the drain at the corner of land belonging to R. L. Reed or act anything thereon
- Art. 28 To see if the town will build a Post House
- Art. 29 To see if the town will authorize the Road Commissioners to construct a sidewalk from the stable of Tuttle and Newton to the Patent Building lay two hundred feet of drain pipe to connect with the Band M. R. R. drains, appropriate a sum of money for the same or act anything thereon
- Art. 30 To see what action the town will take in relation to regrading and graveling sidewalk on the State Road in West Acton or act anything thereon
- Art. 31 To see if the town will vote to discontinue two pieces of road leading from the northwest and southeast side of the Daniel Tuttle road so called to the Main Street on Acton Common or act anything thereon
- And you are hereby required to serve this warrant by posting up copies attested by you in the following places: One in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations <sup>in the town</sup> One in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co M. E. Taylor & Co Tuttle and Newton and H. A. Littlefield One at the office of F. J. Hastings & Co and one at the

Shaggy House, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands in Acton this twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and two

William F. Stearns Selectmen  
E. Faulkner Conant of Acton  
Edwin A. Phalen

I hereby certify, that attested copies of the within Warrant have been posted as directed, One at each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations in the town One at each of the stores of C. H. Mead and Co, M. E. Taylor & Co Tuttle and Newton and H. A. Littlefield: One at the Shaggy House and one at the office of F. J. Hastings and Co seven days before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

James Hensley  
Acton March 22 1902. Constable of Acton

# Proceedings of the Annual Town Meeting Held March 31<sup>st</sup> 1902.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Acton held on Monday March 31<sup>st</sup> 1902 at nine o'clock A. M. the articles in the warrant for said meeting were acted upon in the following manner viz:-  
Leyman C. Taylor and Abram Tuttle were sworn as tellers by the Town Clerk.

Art. 1. Voted, unanimously the following resolutions:-  
We the citizens of Acton Mass. in Town Meeting assembled this thirty first day of March 1902 do hereby sincerely express our regret at the proposed retirement of Mr. Luther Conant from the office of presiding officer of our town meetings, which office he has so ably held for more than forty years. We fully realize our debt of gratitude to him for his faithful service and it is with profound regret that we learn of his intention to retire therefrom. We heartily assure him of our esteem and appreciation of his self-sacrificing devotion to the towns best interest also his ever ready willingness and careful attention to all the manifold duties of presiding officer and his fair and impartial decisions. We earnestly request that he reconsider his intention and continue to serve us in this capacity. We feel that should he adhere to his present intentions and retire as planned the town will be the loser to an extent we cannot at present estimate. With this feeling in mind we again with all the force of entreaty at our command request that he may continue to endow the town with his faithful service. In accord with these wishes we heartily and cordially thank him for the great service rendered the town and assure him of our most heartfelt wishes for a long continuance of his long and successful life. We hereby direct that a copy of these resolutions be suitably framed and presented to him.



- Art. 1 Mr Luther Conant was chosen Moderator  
(Continued) Mr Conant declined reelection and Charles M. Kimball was chosen  
S. Hammond, Taylor, Edgar, H. Hall, & Hobart, E. Mead were appointed additional tellers by the Moderator and sworn.
- Art. 2 Voted, To accept the reports of the several town officers.
- Art. 3 Voted, to choose on one ballot, a Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, one member of the School Committee for 3 years, a collector of Taxes, four Constables, three Cemetery Commissioners one for 1 year, one for two years, one for three years, four Field Drivers, six Surveys of Lumber, Wood, Hoops, and Staves, three Fence Viewers, one Trustee of Memorial Library for 3 years, one Auditor, one Road Commissioner for three years, a Tree Warden, one member of the Board of Health for three years.
- Voted, To fix the salary of the Collector of Taxes at One hundred and seventy five dollars to include posting the warrants, enforcing the dog law and all other duties hitherto performed by said officer.
- Voted, To fix the salary of Road Commissioners at Two and one half dollars per day, nine hours to constitute a days work.

The following Town Officers were chosen

|                       |                     |                        |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Town Clerk            | Horace F. Tuttle    | sworn by the Moderator |
| Selectmen             | William F. Stevens  | " " " " Town Clerk     |
|                       | O. Faulkner Conant  | " " " " "              |
|                       | Edwin A. Phalen     | " " " " "              |
| Assessors             | O. Faulkner Conant  | " " " " "              |
|                       | Chauncy B. Robbins  | " " " " "              |
|                       | William F. Kelley   | " " " " "              |
| Overseers of the Poor | Lyman C. Taylor     | " " " " "              |
|                       | J. Warren Flagg     | " " " " "              |
|                       | William F. Kelley   | " " " " "              |
| School Committee      | Charles J. Williams | for 3 years.           |

- Town Treasurer Jena H. W. Wetherbee sworn.
- Collector of Taxes, Daniel J. Wetherbee, sworn by Town Clerk
- Constables James Kingsley " " " "
- William H. Kingsley " " " "
- L. E. Reed " " " "
- Daniel H. Farrar not sworn.
- Cemetery Commissioners Josiah Tuttle for 1 year
- Horace F. Tuttle for 2 years
- Herbert F. Clark for 3 years.
- Field Drivers James Kingsley sworn by Town Clerk
- William H. Kingsley " " " "
- L. E. Reed " " " "
- Daniel H. Farrar " " " "
- Surveys of Lumber, Wood, Hoops and Staves
- Herbert F. Clark sworn Edgar H. Hall.
- Jonathan P. Fletcher E. F. Richardson sworn
- Charles E. Smith sworn Job W. Dupree.
- Fence Viewers Daniel H. Farrar sworn by Town Clerk
- Reuben L. Reed.
- Oliver W. Mead.
- Trustee of Memorial Library for 3 years.
- Charles J. Williams
- Auditor Frank W. Hoyt sworn by J. H. Wetherbee J. P.
- Road Commissioner for 3 years.
- William H. Kingsley sworn by Town Clerk
- Tree Warden Charles J. Williams " " " "
- Board of Health for 3 years.
- Charles J. Williams
- Art. 4 Mr. Luther Conant offered a verbal report for the Committee on Improvement of Davis Monument Grounds, which was accepted.
- Art. 5 Voted to raise fifty dollars. 50.
- Art. 6 Voted, To accept the jury list as revised by the Selectmen after taking from the list the name of A. Percival Bean.
- Art. 7 Voted, To raise thirty five hundred dollars. 3500. for Roads and Bridges

- Art. 8 Voted, To authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the town, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes the current year.
- Art. 9 Polls opened at 11.45 A.M. Closed at 3.45 P.M.  
Total no of ballots cast 221. Yes 61. No 160.
- Art. 10 Voted, To raise two hundred dollars for books and four hundred dollars for current expenses.
- Art. 11 Voted, To raise for common schools. 3800.  
" " " " High school 1700  
" " " " School supplies 475  
" " " " Transportation 1030  
" " " " books for High school 50.  
" " " " salary of Supt 480.  
Seven thousand five hundred and thirty five dollars 7535.
- Art. 12 Action taken under Art. 11
- Art. 13 Voted, That expenses incurred in the small pox cases be paid from the balance in the Treasury  
Voted, To raise twenty five hundred dollars.
- Art. 14 Voted, To appropriate five hundred dollars  
Voted, To instruct the Selectmen to enforce the laws.
- Art. 15 Voted, To raise Eight hundred dollars to maintain street lamps.
- Art. 16 Voted, That the collector charge interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum. on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of November next.  
Voted, That all taxes shall be paid on or before the first day of March next, and if any taxes remain unpaid after that date the collector shall collect according to law.
- Art. 17 Voted, That the town of Acton present to Luther Conant as a token of appreciation of and in partial payment to him for his long faithful service to the town as the presiding officer of its town meetings, a watch, that said watch be suitably engraved and presented to him by a committee of three to be

- selected by the town at its annual meeting March 31 1902.
- Voted, That the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars be hereby appropriated for the <sup>payment for the</sup> same.  
Chose. J. C. Hayward, Jonathan W. Westharte, and Charles M. Kimball a committee to act in the matter.
- Art. 18 Voted, To pass over the article
- Art. 19 Voted, To authorize the School Committee to receive compensation for services rendered, as provided by law.
- Art. 20 Voted, That the town raise the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to provide suitable buildings for fire apparatus in the town the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen and Fire Wardens of the town.
- Art. 21 Voted, To appropriate One hundred dollars for band concerts - four each to be given in the villages of South Acton, West Acton and Acton Center.
- Art. 22 Voted, That legal voters be given the first right to all kinds of town work.
- Art. 23 Voted, To dismiss the article.
- Art. 24 Voted, That the town accept and extend to Mr. Lathrop its thanks for his generous gift.  
Voted, That the town buy a stone crusher.
- Art. 25 Voted, That the town buy a road roller.  
Voted, To raise fifteen hundred dollars to buy a crusher and roller.  
Voted, that the Road Commissioners and Selectmen be a committee to purchase the same.
- Art. 26 Voted, To authorize the Selectmen to re-point the Davis Monument.
- Art. 27 Voted, to extend the drain as described in the article.
- Art. 28 Voted, To dismiss the article.
- Art. 29 Voted, To raise two hundred dollars as recommended by the Road Commissioners for the purpose mentioned in the article.



Art. 30. Voted, To regrade and gravel the sidewalk on the State Road in West Acton.

Art. 31 Voted, To refer the whole matter to the Commission on Improvement of the Dares Mounment grounds chosen in 1901

Voted, That James B. Tuttle be added to this commission

Voted, That the Committee have authority to close any pieces of road described in the articles if they deem it expedient

Voted to approve the minutes of the meeting

Voted, To dissolve the meeting

A true record. Attest Horace F. Tuttle  
Town Clerk.

# Warrant for the State Election

Nov. 4 1902

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Acton in said County Greetings:—

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the inhabitants of the town of Acton and particularly the legal voters thereof to meet at the polling places in the several precincts to which they respectively belong. On

Tuesday the fourth day of November 1902 at 11.45 o'clock A.M.

Then and there to bring in their votes on one ballot for Governor, Lieut Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General Representative in Congress, Councillor, Senator, One Representative in General Court, County Commissioner for Middlesex County. The Polling Places in the several precincts will be as follows.

In Precinct One at the Town Hall.

In Precinct Two in the Vestry of the Universalist Church

South Acton In Precinct Three in School House W. Acton

The Polls will be opened at 11.45 A.M. and may be closed at 3.45 o'clock P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting copies thereof, attested by you, one in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations One in the office of F. J. Hastings & Co, One at the Nagog House and one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co M. E. Taylor & Co. Tuttle & Newton Elzathau Jones and H. A. Littlefield seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meetings Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time for holding said meeting

Given under our hands in Acton the tenth day of October  
in the one thousand nine hundred and two

Wm. F. Stevens  
E. Faulkner Conant  
Edwin A. Phalen

Selectmen of Acton

Acton October 24 1902.

I do here certify that I posted attested copies  
of this warrant at the several places designated  
in said warrant Daniel J. Wetherbee

Constable of Acton

A true copy attest Horace F. Tuttle

Town Clerk.

Ayer, Mass. Nov. 14 1902.

We hereby certify that the following is a true schedule  
of the names of all persons for whom votes were cast  
for Representative in the 23 Middlesex District  
at the State Election held Nov. 4 1902. and the  
number of votes given for each person

John M. Maloney of Ayer had.

Six hundred and eight (608) votes

Henry C. Sherwin of Ayer had.

Four hundred and seventy four (474) votes

J. Hartwell Whitcomb of Littleton had.

Three hundred and eighty votes

Blanks. Ninety one ballots

Horace F. Tuttle. Town Clerk of Acton

Arthur Fenner

Waldo E. Conant

Edward Fisker

John W. Farrar

" " " Ayer

" " " Littleton

" " " Westford

" " " Protem Shirley

## Proceedings of Meetings

Held Nov. 4 1902.

In Precincts One, Two and Three. Town of Acton  
The following is a record of the names of all persons  
voted for, the number of votes received for each person  
the title of the office for which he was proposed  
and the number of blank ballots received for each office

| Governor             | Precinct 1   | Precinct 2  | Precinct 3   | Total |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------|
| John L. Bates        | seventy nine | sixty eight | seventy nine | 226   |
| Michael F. Berry     | none         | none        | none         | 0     |
| John C. Chase        | one          | one         | none         | 2     |
| William A. Gaston    | thirty five  | thirty six  | forty seven  | 118   |
| William H. Partridge | two          | none        | three        | 5     |
| Blanks.              | five         | one         | one          | 7     |

## Lieutenant Governor

|                   |            |            |             |     |
|-------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----|
| John Quincy Adams | three      | one        | one         | 5   |
| Thomas F. Brennan | none       | none       | none        | 0   |
| Oliver W. Cobb    | none       | none       | three       | 3   |
| Charles Guild Jr. | eighty     | sixty six  | seventy six | 222 |
| Herbert C. Joyner | thirty one | thirty one | forty three | 105 |
| Blanks.           | eight      | eight      | seven       | 23  |

## Secretary

|                     |            |            |              |     |
|---------------------|------------|------------|--------------|-----|
| Edward A. Buckland  | one        | none       | none         | 1   |
| Herbert B. Griffin  | none       | none       | four         | 4   |
| Jeremiah O. Fihully | none       | one        | none         | 1   |
| William M. Olin     | eighty     | sixty nine | seventy five | 224 |
| Willmore B. Stone   | thirty two | thirty     | thirty nine  | 101 |
| Blanks.             | nine       | six        | twelve       | 27  |

## Treasurer

|                     |            |             |             |     |
|---------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----|
| Edward S. Bradford  | eighty     | sixty eight | seventy six | 224 |
| Joseph L. Chalifoux | thirty two | twenty nine | forty       | 101 |
| Frederick A. Nagler | none       | none        | none        | 0   |
| Daniel Parlin       | none       | none        | four        | 4   |
| David Taylor        | one        | one         | none        | 2   |
| Blanks.             | nine       | eight       | ten         | 27  |



| Auditor            | Precinct 1    | Precinct 2  | Precinct 3   | Total |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------|
| David Morrison     | two           | one         | four         | 7     |
| S. Fremont Packard | one           | none        | none         | 1     |
| Charles Stöcker    | none          | one         | one          | 2     |
| Thomas C. Thacher  | thirty four   | twenty six  | thirty seven | 97    |
| Henry E. Turner    | seventy three | seventy two | seventy five | 220   |
| Blanks.            | twelve        | six         | thirteen     | 31.   |

## Attorney General.

|                   |            |             |              |     |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-----|
| Allen Coffin      | none.      | two         | four         | 6   |
| Charles E. Fenner | one        | one         | none         | 2   |
| John J. Flaherty  | thirty one | twenty two  | thirty seven | 90  |
| John A. Henley    | none       | none        | none         | 0   |
| Herbert Parker    | eighty     | seventy two | seventy nine | 231 |
| Blanks.           | ten        | nine        | ten          | 29  |

## Representative in Congress.

|                    |             |              |             |     |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-----|
| Marcus A. Coolidge | forty eight | thirty eight | forty nine  | 135 |
| Herbert S. Morley  | one         | none         | two         | 3   |
| John F. Mullen     | none        | none         | none        | 0   |
| Charles L. Tirrell | sixty nine  | sixty three  | seventy two | 204 |
| Blanks.            | four        | four         | seven       | 16  |

## Councillor

|                       |               |             |               |     |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-----|
| John H. Gray          | one           | two         | four          | 7   |
| William J. M. Cluskey | thirty four   | twenty four | thirty eight  | 96  |
| Henri E. Richardson   | one           | none        | none          | 1   |
| Walter Scott Watson   | seventy seven | sixty nine  | seventy seven | 223 |
| Blanks.               | nine          | eleven      | eleven        | 31  |

## Senator

|                     |              |             |             |      |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------|
| Quincy Adams.       | one          | one         | three       | 5    |
| Herbert E. Fletcher | seventy four | sixty seven | seventy two | 213  |
| Benjamin Stanley    | one          | one         | none        | 2    |
| Henry F. Tarbell    | thirty six   | thirty one  | forty three | 110. |
| James W. Grimes     | one          | none        | none        | 1    |
| Blanks.             | nine         | six         | twelve      | 27   |

## Representative in the General Court.

|                      | Precinct 1 | Precinct 2  | Precinct 3   | Total |
|----------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------|
| John M. Maloney      | forty one  | twenty five | twenty seven | 93    |
| Henry C. Sherwin     | eighteen   | forty three | thirty four  | 95    |
| J. Hartwell Whitcomb | fifty four | thirty two  | sixty one    | 147   |
| Blanks.              | nine       | six         | eight        | 23    |

## County Commissioner

|                 |             |              |              |     |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----|
| George R. Duren | thirty two  | thirty three | thirty nine  | 104 |
| Levi S. Gould   | seventy two | sixty three  | seventy four | 209 |
| Arthur Stanley  | one         | one          | none         | 2   |
| Luther S. Wood  | none        | none         | three        | 3   |
| Blanks.         | seventeen   | nine         | fourteen     | 40  |

|                                  |     |     |      |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|------|-----|
| Number of ballots cast.          | 122 | 106 | 130  | 358 |
| No of names checked on list      | 122 | 106 | 130  | 358 |
| Ballot box registered at opening | 0   | 0   | 0    |     |
| " " " at close.                  | 116 | 106 | 130. |     |

A true record. attest

Horace F. Tuttle Clerk of Precinct 1

Abram. Tuttle " " " 2.

William F. Kelly " " " 3

A true copy of Precinct records. attest

Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk.

Vote for Representative in 23 Middlesex District  
Nov. 4 1902.

|                      | Acton | Ayer | Litchton | Shirley | Walden | Totals |
|----------------------|-------|------|----------|---------|--------|--------|
| John M. Maloney      | 93    | 252  | 33       | 59      | 171    | 608    |
| Henry C. Sherwin     | 95    | 189  | 50       | 91      | 49     | 474    |
| J. Hartwell Whitcomb | 147   | 31   | 98       | 42      | 62     | 380    |
| Blanks.              | 23    | 15   | 7        | 20      | 26     | 91     |
| Totals               | 358   | 487  | 188      | 212     | 308    | 1553   |

Warrant for Annual Meeting  
March 30 1903  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex, S.S.

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Art. 1 To Choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

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Art. 5 To see what amount of money the town will raise for the due observance of Memorial Day

Art. 6 To see if the town will accept the Jury List as revised by the Selectmen

Art. 7 To see if the town will relinquish any right or title it may have in the westmost portion of street leading from Central Street to the Fitchburg Division of the Boston and Maine R.R. past the house of E. H. Hall, in the village of West Acton or act anything thereon

Art. 8 To see if the Town will authorize the placing of two Bronze Tablets, suitably inscribed with the names of the minute men, members of Capt. Isaac Davis' Company, and suitable historical facts pertaining to the record of Lieut. John Hayward who took command of Capt. Isaac Davis' Company after his death at Concord Bridge April 19 1775, on the monument erected on Acton Green, to the memory of Davis, Hayward and Hosmer, and appropriate a sum of money therefor or act anything thereon.

Art. 9 To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of Peace Celebrations in Acton April 19 1903

Art. 10 To see what amount of money the town will raise for the repairing of roads and bridges the present year

Art. 11 To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the town if necessary in anticipation of taxes the current year

Art. 12 To vote Yes, or No in answer to the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in Acton the present year"

Art. 13 To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of Memorial Library the present year

Art. 14 To see what amount of money the town will raise for support of schools the present year



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- Act 15 To see what amount of money the Town will raise for school supplies
- Act 16 To see what amount of money the Town will raise for Town charges or act anything thereon
- Act 17 To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor laws.
- Act 18 To see if the town will maintain Street lamps the present year or act thereon
- Act 19 To see what action the Town will take in reference to the collection of Taxes the present year
- Act 20 To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One hundred dollars for nine band concerts, three in each village, Center, South, and West or act anything thereon.
- Act 21 To see if the Town will raise a sum of money in addition to the unexpended balance of 1902 to provide a suitable Fire Engine House at West Acton or act anything thereon
- Act 22 To see if the Town will approve and adopt the rules and regulations for the government of its submitted by the Cemetery Commissioners in their annual report for the year 1902-1903 or take any action thereon
- Act 23 To see what sum of money the town will appropriate for the care of Cemeteries the current year or act anything thereon

- Act 24 To see if the Town will take any action relative to the proposed taking of water of Lake Nagog by the Commonwealth.
- Act 25 To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the repair of River St. South Acton or act anything thereon.
- Act 26 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Road Commissioners to widen and straighten the road from D. J. Hennessey's house to the South Acton road or act anything thereon
- Act 27 To see if the Town will vote to buy a watering cart.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting copies attested by you in the following places, One in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations, One in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co, M. E. Taylor & Co Tuttle & Newton, H. A. Littlefield and Elvathan Jones. One at the office of F. J. Hastings & Co. and one at the Nagog House. seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting. If you fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time for holding said meeting

Given under our hands in Acton this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and three  
W<sup>m</sup> F. Stevens, C. Frankner Corant  
Edwin A. Phalen Selectmen of Acton

Acton March 21 1903. This is to certify that I have examined and found correct and posted the within warrant according to the instructions of the Selectmen stated in warrant  
James Kinsley Constable of Acton  
A true copy of warrant attested Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk



# Proceedings of the Annual Meeting March 30 1903.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Acton held on Monday the thirtieth day of March A.D. 1903. at nine o'clock A.M. the articles in the warrant for said meeting were acted upon in the following manner, viz:-  
Abram Fiddle Lyman & Taylor and. Winam J. Haggard were sworn as tellers

Art. 1 Charles M. Spintall was chosen Moderator.

Art. 2. Voted, That the report of the Selectmen be accepted and that a sufficient number of copies of the franchise granted by the Selectmen to the Lowell and Fitchburg Street R.R., be printed to place one copy in the hands of each householder

Voted, To accept the reports of the other town officers

Voted, to adopt the recommendations of the Collector of Taxes in his report, as follows

That the Assessors be instructed to take the inventory the first week in May and make all poll taxes and have them in the hands of the Collector on or before the 15th of May.

That the Collector be instructed to collect all such poll taxes on or before the 15th of June

Art. 3 Voted, To choose on one ballot, a Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, one member of the School Committee for three years, a Collector of Taxes, four Constables, one Cemetery Commissioner for 3 years, four Field Drivers, six Surveyors of Lumber, Wood, Hops and Staves, three Fence Viewers, one Trustee of Memorial Library for three years, one Auditor, one Road Commissioner for three years, one member of the Board of Health for three years and a Tree Warden

Art. 3.  
(cont)  
Voted,

That the salary of the Collector of Taxes be one per cent of the amount collected and that he perform the duties hitherto performed by said officer and that the salary may be drawn as earned

Voted, That the salary of the Road Commissioners be the same as last year, namely Two and one half dollars per day employed nine hours to constitute a day.

Voted, That the Auditor examine all stonzed bills and be paid a salary of Fifteen dollars.

The Moderator appointed Webster C. Robbins and Hobart E. Mead additional tellers and they were sworn by the Moderator

The following Town Officers were chosen  
Town Clerk. Horace F. Fiddle. sworn by the Moderator

Town Treasurer, Jena. H. W. Westerbee sworn by  
E. F. Fiddle and J. P.

Selectmen, Edwin A. Phalen sworn by Moderator  
Hanson A. Littlefield " " "  
Frank W. Hoit " " "

Assessors, E. Faulkner Conant sworn by Moderator  
Chauncy B. Robbins " " Town Clerk  
William F. Helley " " " "

Overseers of the Poor, Octavius A. Knowlton sworn by Moderator  
J. Warren Plagg " " Town Clerk  
William F. Helley " " Town Clerk

School Committee for three years  
Horace F. Fiddle

Collector of Taxes  
Daniel J. Westerbee sworn by Moderator

Constables. James Kinsley sworn by H. A. Littlefield J.P.  
 William H. Kingsley " " Moderator  
 L. E. Reed, " " J. W. Westabee J.P.  
 Daniel H. Farrar

Cemetery Commissioner Julian Tuttle for three years.

Field Drivers James Kinsley  
 William H. Kingsley sworn by Moderator  
 L. E. Reed.  
 Daniel H. Farrar.

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood Hoops & Staves  
 Herbert T. Clark sworn by Moderator  
 Edgar H. Hall.

Jana. P. Fletcher  
 Charles E. Smith sworn by Town Clerk  
 Edward T. Richardson sworn by E. F. Conant, J.P.  
 Jas. W. Dupre.

Town Viewers Daniel H. Farrar sworn by Town Clerk,  
 Reuben L. Reed.  
 Oliver W. Mead.

Trustee of Memorial Library for three years.  
 Lucius A. Russellton

Auditor Waldo E. Whitcomb sworn by the Moderator

Road Commissioner Albert H. Perkins for 3 yrs. sworn by Moderator

Tree Warden Charles J. Williams sworn by Town Clerk.

Board of Health for three years.  
 F. E. Tasker

Art. 4. No action taken

Art. 5 Voted, To raise the sum of One hundred dollars.

Art. 6 Voted, after taking from the list the name of Frank A. Merriam, To accept the Jury List as revised by the Selectmen

Art. 7 Voted, That the Town discontinue the unbuilt portion of the street leading from Central St. to the Fitchburg Division of the B & M. R.R. in West Acton

Art. 8 Voted, To pass over the article

Art. 9 Voted, To appropriate the sum of One hundred dollars.

Art. 10 Voted, To raise Four thousand (4000) dollars

Art. 11 Voted, To authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money for the town if necessary in anticipation of taxes the current year.

Art. 12. Whole number of ballots cast. 242  
 Yes 88  
 No 154

Art. 13 Voted, To raise Two hundred (200) dollars for books and Four hundred (400) dollars for current expenses.

Art. 14 Voted, To raise for common schools, \$3800.  
 " " " " High school. 1800.  
 " " " " School supplies 475  
 " " " " Transportation of pupil 1360  
 " " " " Books & apparatus for High 50.  
 " " " " Salary of Sup't 480.  
 Seventy thousand nine hundred and sixty four \$7965

Art. 15. Action taken under Art. 14.

Art. 16 Voted, To raise the sum of Twenty five hundred (2500) dollars. for town charges.



- Art. 17. Voted, To appropriate the sum of Five hundred (500) dollars. Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to enforce the liquor law.
- Art. 18 Voted, To raise the sum of Eight hundred (800) dollars for Street lamps.
- Art. 19 Voted, That the Collector charge interest at the rate of five per centum per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of November next.
- Voted, That all taxes shall be paid on or before the first day of March next and if any taxes remain unpaid after that date the Collector shall collect according to law.
- Art. 20 Voted, To appropriate One hundred (100) dollars for nine band concerts, three in each of the villages of West, South and Center.
- Art. 21 Voted, To raise the sum of Twelve hundred (1200) dollars, in addition to the unexpended balance of 1902, to provide a suitable fire engine house at West Acton.
- Art. 22 Voted, To dismiss the article.
- Art. 23 Voted, To appropriate Five hundred (500) dollars.
- Art. 24 Voted, To pass over the article.
- Art. 25 Voted, To appropriate Five hundred (500) dollars to repair River Street in South Acton.
- Art. 26 Voted, To appropriate Three hundred (300) dollars to widen and straighten the road from D. J. Kenessey's to South Acton road.

- Art. 27 Voted, To raise the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars (150) in addition to the unexpended balance of money raised last year for the stone crushing plant, to purchase a watering cart.
- Voted, to dissolve the meeting.

A true record. Attest:  
Horace F Tuttle, Town Clerk.

April 16, 1903.

The following persons, appointed Fire Wardens of the Town of Acton for the ensuing year appeared before me and took the oath of office.

John L. White Wm H Kingsley  
W J. Cole Daniel H. Farrar  
Horace F Tuttle, Town Clerk.

April 7, 1903.

Moses A. Reed, appeared before me and took the oath of office as Cattle Inspector for the ensuing year.

Horace F Tuttle, Town Clerk.

# Warrant for the State Election

Nov. 3 1903.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Middlesex s.s. To either of the Constables of the Town  
of Acton in said County, Greeting;

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts to notify the inhabitants of the Town  
of Acton and particularly the legal voters thereof to meet  
at the Polling places in the several precincts to which  
they respectively belong on Tuesday the third day of  
November 1903 at 11-45 o'clock A.M.

Then and there to bring in their votes on one ballot for  
Governor, Lieut Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor  
Attorney General, Councilor, Senator, One Representative in  
General Court, County Commissioner, Register of Probate  
and Insolvency, Register of Deeds County Treasurer  
for County of Middlesex

The polling places in the several precincts will be  
as follows:-

1st. Precinct one in the Town Hall.

2nd. Precinct two in the Vestry of the Universalist  
Church, South Acton

3rd. Precinct three in the School House West Acton.

The polls will be opened at 11.45. A.M. and may  
be closed at 3.45. P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting  
copies thereof attested by you One in each of the  
Post Offices and Railroad Stations, One in the office of  
F. J. Hastings & Co, One at the Nag's House, One in  
each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co, M. E. Taylor & Co  
Tuttle & Newton, Elphathan Jones, and of the late  
H. A. Littlefield seven days at least before the time  
appointed for holding said meetings Hereof fail not  
and make due return of this warrant with your charges  
thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time for  
holding said meeting, Given under our hands in

Acton the twenty first day of October in the year  
One thousand nine hundred and three

Edwin A. Phalen

Frank W. Hoyt

Selectmen of Acton.

This is to certify that I have posted copies of the  
within warrant by me attested in the several places  
designated seven days before the time for holding said  
meeting

Acton Oct. 24 1903

James Hinsley

Constable of Acton

Proceedings of Meetings held Nov. 3 1903,  
in accordance with the preceding warrant,  
in Precincts, One, Two, and Three, Town of Acton  
The following is a record of the names of all persons  
voted for, the number of votes received for each person  
the title of the office for which he was proposed, and  
the number of blank ballots received for each office

| For Governor           | Prec. 1      | Prec. 2      | Prec. 3.      | Total |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------|
| John L. Bates Rep.     | eighty nine  | seventy nine | seventy eight | 246   |
| Olier W. Cobb Prob.    |              | one.         | two           | 3     |
| William A. Gaston Dem. | thirty three | twenty nine  | twenty nine   | 91    |
| Blanks.                | two          | one          | two           | 5     |

Lieut Governor.

|                    |              |              |             |     |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----|
| John Quincy Adams. | one.         | none.        | one.        | 2   |
| Curtis Guild Jr.   | eighty five  | seventy five | seventy six | 236 |
| William F. Merrill | one          | one          | two         | 4   |
| Richard Olney 2d   | thirty three | twenty nine  | twenty six  | 88  |
| Blanks.            | four         | five         | six         | 15  |

For Secretary

|                    |             |               |               |     |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-----|
| John F. Boyle      |             |               | one.          | 1   |
| Wfred. L. Cutting  | two         | one.          | two           | 5   |
| Ezekiel M. Ezekiel | thirty one  | twenty five   | twenty three  | 79  |
| William M. Olin    | eighty five | seventy eight | seventy seven | 240 |
| Blanks.            | two         | one           | one           | 4   |



|  | Pre. 1       | Pre. 2        | Pre. 3        | Total |
|--|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| <b>Treasurer</b>                                       |              |               |               |       |
| John A. Billings                                       |              |               | one           | 1     |
| Edward S. Bradford                                     | eighty three | seventy eight | seventy nine  | 240   |
| Napoleon B. Johnson                                    |              | one           | two           | 3     |
| Thomas C. Fracker                                      | thirty four  | twenty two    | twenty one    | 77    |
| Blanks.  | seven        | nine          | eight         | 24    |
| <b>Auditor</b>   |              |               |               |       |
| Joseph Orr.  |              | one           | one           | 2     |
| Alfred E. Steele                                       | one          | two           | two           | 5     |
| Francis X. Tetraust                                    | thirty one   | twenty        | twenty        | 71    |
| Henry E. Turner  | eighty four  | seventy seven | seventy six   | 237   |
| Blanks.  | eight        | ten           | twelve        | 30    |
| <b>Attorney General.</b>                               |              |               |               |       |
| John A. Anderson                                       | —            | one           | one           | 2     |
| William J. Carroll                                     | one          | —             | one           | 2     |
| Henry M. Dean  | —            | two           | three         | 5     |
| John J. Flaherty                                       | thirty       | eighteen      | nineteen      | 67    |
| Herbert Parker   | eighty eight | eighty one    | seventy nine  | 248   |
| Blanks.  | five         | eight         | eight         | 21    |
| <b>Councilor</b>                                       |              |               |               |       |
| Oscar C. Hulsman                                       |              | one           | two           | 3     |
| William J. McCluskey                                   | twenty eight | twenty one    | twenty        | 69    |
| Walter S. Watson                                       | eighty six   | seventy seven | seventy seven | 240   |
| Blanks.  | ten          | eleven        | twelve        | 33    |
| <b>Senator (Sixth Middlesex)</b>                       |              |               |               |       |
| Charles W. Clark                                       | eighty nine  | seventy eight | seventy four  | 241   |
| John P. Farley   | thirty       | twenty three  | twenty four   | 77    |
| Benjamin Shoveley                                      |              | one           | one           | 2     |
| Blanks.  | five         | eight         | twelve        | 25    |
| <b>Representative in General Court</b><br>23 Middlesex |              |               |               |       |
| Edward Fisher  | thirty four  | twenty seven  | twenty eight  | 89    |
| George H. Hartford                                     | eighty three | seventy seven | seventy one   | 231   |
| Blanks.  | seven        | six           | twelve        | 25    |

|  |              |                |               |          |       |      |
|--|--------------|----------------|---------------|----------|-------|------|
| County Commissioner                                      |              |                |               |          |       |      |
| George R. Duren  | thirty one   | twenty six     | twenty three  | 80.      |       |      |
| Samuel. O. Upham   | eighty six   | seventy three  | seventy four  | 233      |       |      |
| Charles W. Vassher                                       | —            | two            | two           | 4        |       |      |
| Blanks,  | seven        | nine           | twelve        | 28       |       |      |
| Register of Probate and Insolvency                       |              |                |               |          |       |      |
| Emanuel Bernier  | one          | one            | one           | 3        |       |      |
| Samuel H. Folsom   | eighty five  | seventy seven  | seventy five  | 237      |       |      |
| Frank J. Simonds   | thirty two   | twenty two     | twenty two    | 76       |       |      |
| Blanks,  | six          | ten            | thirteen      | 29       |       |      |
| Register of Deeds.                                       |              |                |               |          |       |      |
| Edwin O Childs   | ninety two   | eighty two     | eighty two    | 256      |       |      |
| Charles F. Drury   | four         | seven          | four          | 15       |       |      |
| Blanks,  | twenty eight | twenty one     | twenty five   | 74       |       |      |
| County Treasurer   |              |                |               |          |       |      |
| Joseph C. Arthur   | thirty       | twenty four    | twenty two    | 76       |       |      |
| Charles G. F. Claus                                      | two          | one            | two           | 5.       |       |      |
| Joseph O. Hayden   | eighty six   | seventy eight  | seventy seven | 241      |       |      |
| Blanks   | six          | seven          | ten           | 23       |       |      |
| Ballot box <sup>opening of polls.</sup><br>registered at | 0            | 0              | 0             | —        |       |      |
| Ballot box reg at close of polls.                        | 151          | 110            | 111           | —        |       |      |
| Number of Names checked on list                          | 124          | 110            | 111           | 345      |       |      |
| Number of ballots cast.                                  | 124          | 110            | 111           | 345      |       |      |
| Horace F. Tuttle clerk of Precinct 1.                    |              |                |               |          |       |      |
| Abram Tuttle " " " 2.                                    |              |                |               |          |       |      |
| William F. Kelly " " " 3.                                |              |                |               |          |       |      |
| A true copy of Precinct records. attest                  |              |                |               |          |       |      |
| Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk.                             |              |                |               |          |       |      |
| Vote for Representative in 23 Middlesex District         |              |                |               |          |       |      |
| Nov. 3 1903  |              |                |               |          |       |      |
|  | Acton        | Ag. Litchfield | Shirley       | Westford | Total |      |
| Edward Fisher  | 89           | 152            | 72            | 54       | 181   | 548  |
| of Westford. Dem.  |              |                |               |          |       |      |
| George H. Hartford                                       | 231          | 207            | 105           | 106      | 166   | 815  |
| of Westford Rep.   |              |                |               |          |       |      |
| Blanks,  | 25           | 30             | 8             | 25       | 19    | 107  |
|  | 345          | 389            | 185           | 185      | 366   | 1470 |

# Warrant for the Annual Meeting

March 28 1904.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss

To either of the Constables in the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex, Greeting:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday the twenty eighth day of March A.D. 1904 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following Articles as they may think proper, viz:

Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Art. 2 To see if the town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Library Trustees, and other Town officers

Art. 3 To choose all necessary Town officers and committees and fix Salaries

Art. 4 To hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen to report at this meeting

Art. 5 To see what amount of money the town will raise for due observance of Memorial Day

Art. 6 To see if the Town will accept the Jury List as revised by the Selectmen

Art. 7 To see what amount of money the town will raise for repairing roads and bridges the present year.

Art. 8 To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer with the approval of its Selectmen to borrow money for the Town, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes the current year.

Art. 9 To vote Yes or No in answer to the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in Acton the present year?

Art. 10 To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of Memorial Library the present year

Art. 11 To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of schools the present year.

Art. 12 To see what amount of Money the Town will raise for School Supplies

Art. 13 To see what amount of money the Town will raise for Town charges.

Art. 14 To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor laws.

Art. 15 To see if the Town will maintain street lamps the present year or act anything thereon

Art. 16 To determine what action the town will take in the matter of providing suitable and sufficient accommodations for the schools at South Acton

Art. 17 To determine what action the Town will take in the matter of providing a location for and of building a High School house.



Art. 18 To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate for the care of cemeteries the current year or act anything thereon.

Art. 19 To see if the Town will approve and adopt all or any of the rules and regulations for the government of its cemeteries, prepared by the Cemetery Commissioners and printed in their annual report for 1903

Art. 20 To see if the Town will accept the road from the house of D. J. Hennessy to the old road from Acton Center to South Acton as widened and relocated by the Road Commissioners

Art. 21 To see if the Town will present a certain sign to the Davis Guards of Marlborough.

Art. 22 To see if the Town will take any action in regard to Old Home Week.

Art. 23 To see if the Town will vote to raise a suitable amount of money to purchase a banner or flag to be presented to Co. F. 6th Regiment of Infantry M. V. M. of Marlboro, Mass. or act anything thereon

Art. 24 To see if the Town will build an addition to the Town Hall or act anything thereon

Art. 25 To see what amount of money the town will raise to maintain the Fire Department

Art. 26 To see if the Town will pay for burials as heretofore or act anything thereon

Art. 27 To see if the Town will purchase the lot of land near the West gate of Woodlawn Cemetery now used as a public dump

Art. 28 To see if the Town will purchase a snow roller or act anything thereon.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting copies attested by you in the following places:

One in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations, one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co, M. E. Taylor & Tuttle & Newton, Estate of H. A. Littlefield and Jonathan Jones, one at the office of T. J. Hastings & Co. and one at the Stage House, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

None fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands, in Acton this fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and four.

Edwin A. Phalen )  
Frank W. Crit ) Selectmen of  
Acton

I hereby certify that copies of the within warrant duly attested by me have been posted in the several places as designated in the warrant seven days before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

James Winsley Constable of  
Acton.

# Proceedings of the Annual Meeting March 28 1904

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Acton held on Monday the twenty eighth day of March 1904 at nine o'clock A.M. the articles in the warrant for said meeting were acted upon in the following manner, viz  
Lyman C. Taylor and Abram Tuttle were sworn as Tellers by the Town Clerk.

Art. 1. Charles M. Kimball was chosen Moderator

Art. 2. Voted, To accept the reports of the several Town Officers

Voted, That the Collector of Taxes charge interest at the rate of five per cent per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of November next.

Art. 3 Voted, To choose on one ballot a Town Clerk  
Town Treasurer, Three Selectmen, Three Assessors  
Three Overseers of the Poor, One member of the School Committee, One Collector of Taxes, Four Constables, One Cemetery Commissioner, Four Field Drivers, Six Surveyors of Lumber, Wood Hoops & Staves  
Three Town Viewers, One Trustee of Memorial Library  
One Auditor, One Road Commissioner, a Tree Warden  
One Member of the Board of Health.

Voted, That the salary of the Collector of Taxes be one per cent of the amount collected and that he perform the duties hitherto performed by said officer

Voted, That the salary of the Road Commissioners be the same as last year, namely:—  
Two and one half dollars per day employed, nine hours to constitute a day

Voted, That the Road Commissioners, as far as practicable accompany the men employed.

Voted, That the salary of the Auditor be fixed at Six (6) dollars.

The following Town Officers were chosen  
The Moderator appointed Webster C. Robbins, Fred S. Whitcomb, Bertram D. Hall and Nelson J. Cole additional tellers and administered to them the oath.

Town Clerk. Horace T. Tuttle sworn by Moderator

Treasurer, Jona. H. W. Wetherbee sworn by E. F. Conant  
Justice Peace.

Selectmen Edwin A. Phalen sworn by the Moderator  
Frank W. Hoyt " " " "  
Arthur M. Whitcomb " " " "

Assessors.  
E. Faulkner Conant sworn by the Town Clerk  
William F. Kelley " " " "  
Daniel J. Wetherbee " " " "

Overseers of the Poor.  
Edwin A. Phalen sworn by the Moderator  
Frank W. Hoyt " " " "  
Arthur M. Whitcomb " " " "

School Committee  
Frank R. Snowdon

Collector of Taxes.  
Daniel J. Wetherbee

Constables  
James H. Kingsley sworn by Allen B. Parker, J.P.  
William H. Kingsley  
Albert S. Bradley sworn by the Moderator  
Daniel H. Farrar



Cemetery Commissioner  
Horace T. Tuttle

Field Drivers

James Hinsley  
Wm H. Kingsley  
Albert S. Bradley  
Daniel H. Ferrar

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood, Hooks and Staves.

Herbert T. Clark sworn by Moderator

Edgar H. Hall

Jonathan P. Fletcher sworn by E. F. Conant, J. P.

Charles E. Smith sworn by Town Clerk

Edward T. Richardson sworn by E. F. Conant, J. P.

Job W. Dupree

Fence Viewers

Edwin A. Phalen sworn by Moderator

Frank W. Hoyt " " "

Arthur M. Whitcomb " " "

Trustee of Memorial Library

Horace T. Tuttle

Auditor Charles A. Durkee sworn by Allen B. Parker, J. P.

Road Commissioner Anson C. Piper sworn by E. F. Conant, J. P.

Tree Warden Charles J. Williams sworn by Town Clerk

Board of Health Frank J. Barker

Art. 4. No action taken

Art. 5 Voted, To raise Fifty dollars for observance  
of Memorial Day

Art. 6 Voted, after taking from the list the names of  
John C. Hayes, Moses A. Reed and Constantine O. Whit  
to accept the jury list as revised by the Selectmen

Art. 7 Voted, To raise Four thousand dollars for  
repairing Roads and Bridges

Art. 8 Voted, To authorize the Treasurer, with the  
approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for  
the town, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes  
the current year.

Art. 9 Total number of ballots cast. 211  
Yes - 47.  
No. 164.

Art. 10 Voted, To raise Four hundred dollars for current  
expenses, and Two hundred dollars for books.

Art. 11 Voted, To raise for Common Schools. \$3800.  
" " " High School. 1800.  
" " " School Supplies 525.  
" " " Transportation of Pupils 1360.  
" " " Salary of Supt of Schools 480  
\$7965.

Seven thousand, nine hundred and sixty five dollars.

Art. 12. No action taken

Art. 13 Voted, To raise Five thousand dollars for  
town charges.

Art. 14 Voted, To appropriate Five hundred dollars.  
Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to enforce the  
liquor laws.

Art. 15 Voted, To raise Eight hundred dollars to  
maintain street lamps.

Art. 16 & 17.  
Voted, That the School Committee be requested  
to ascertain the possibility of sending our High

School pupils to the Concord High School and the probable cost to the town

Voted, That the School Committee be requested to use their best efforts to provide accommodations for the common schools at South Acton without building additional school rooms.

Art 18 Voted, To appropriate Five Hundred dollars for care of Cemeteries

Art 19 Voted, That the town approve and adopt the rules and regulations for the government of its cemeteries, submitted by the Cemetery Commissioners in their report for the year 1902-1903 excepting section number eight relating to the perpetual care of lots.

Art 20 Voted, To accept the Road as evidenced and relocated by the Road Commissioners

Art 21 A motion to present the sign formerly belonging to the Acton Davis Guards to the Marlborough Davis Guards did not pass.

Voted, That the town reimburse Mr. Luke J. Robbins for any expense incurred by him in repairing the sign formerly placed in the armory of the Acton Davis Guards.

Art 22 Voted, To pass over the article

Art 23 Voted, To dismiss the article

The following Resolutions were voted.

Resolved, That we, Citizens of Acton, tender to Co. F 6th Regiment Infantry M.V.M., an expression of our appreciation of the fact that in the choice of a name for their organization, they have chosen that of Capt. Isaac Davis, the Commander of Acton's

Company of Minute Men at the Old North Bridge in Concord, on the 19th of April, 1775, and who while leading his men at the right of the line in this, the first organized armed resistance to King George III, was the first commissioned officer to fall, in that war that made us a nation and gave political being to the United States of America Resolved, That as Acton is no longer represented in the State Militia, as she was for many years successively by the Davis Blues and by the Davis Guards, that we tender our hearty and sincere thanks to Co. F, 6th Regt M.V.M. for adopting his name and for thus tending to pass it on, that it may carry with it a similar patriotic inspiration in the future, to that which it has carried with it in the past.

Art 24 Voted, That the matter be referred to the Selectmen, with authority to procure plans and estimate of cost, to report at a future meeting

Art 25 Voted, To appropriate Three Hundred and fifty (350) dollars for expenses of the Fire Department

Art 26 Voted, To pass over the article

Art 27 Voted, That the matter be left with the Selectmen with power to act.

Art 28 Voted, That the Selectmen and Road Commis-  
-sioners be authorized to purchase a snow roller or scraper

Voted, To dissolve the meeting

A true record, attest.

Horace F. Tuttle

Town Clerk.



# Warrant for the State Election

November 8 1904.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex. ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in said County, Greeting:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Acton and particularly the legal voters thereof to meet at the Polling Places in the several Precincts to which they respectively belong on Tuesday the eighth day of November 1904 at 11.45 o'clock A.M. Then and there to bring in their votes on one ballot for Electors of President and Vice President Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer Auditor, Attorney General, Councillor, Senator One Representative in General Court, County Commissioner Representative in Congress, District Attorney, Associate Commissioner, Sheriff.

The Polling Places in the several Precincts will be as follows. Precinct One in the Town Hall.

Precinct Two in the Vestry of the Universalist Church South Acton. Precinct Three in the School House. West Acton The polls will be opened at 11.45 A.M. and may be closed at 3.45 P.M.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting copies thereof attested by you, one in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations, one in the office of F. J. Hastings & Co, one at the Nagog House, one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co. M. E. Taylor & Co., Tuttle and Newton, Nathan Jones and Fred. A. Tilton, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meetings Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time for holding said meeting

Given under our hands, in Acton, this twenty fifth day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and four

Frank W. Hoit.

Arthur M. Whitcomb

Edwin H. Phalen

Selectmen of Acton

Acton Nov. 5 1904

This is to certify that I have posted the within warrant according to instructions by the Board of Selectmen

Albert S. Bradley Constable of Acton

# Proceedings of Meetings

Held. November 8 1904

in accordance with the preceding warrant in  
Precincts One, Two and Three. Town of Acton

The following is a record of the names of all persons  
voted for, the number of votes received for each person  
the title of the office for which he was proposed and the  
number of blank ballots received for each office.

Election of Pres. and Vice President Precinct I Prec. II Prec. III Total

Parker and Davis (Dem.) thirty one twenty five twenty 76

Patrick A. Collins thirty one twenty five twenty 76

Henry W. Ely " " " " " "

1 Robert. Mercombie " " " " " "

2 William P. Hayes. " " " " " "

3 James E. Estabrook " " " " " "

4 Hubert H. Lyons. " " " " " "

5 Peter J. Brady " " " " " "

6 William B. Sullivan " " " " " "

7 Charles J. Barton " " " " " "

8 John H. McNamee " " " " " "

9 Emory D. Leighton " " " " " "

10 Lawrence J. Logan " " " " " "

11 John H. Lee " " " " " "

12 James E. Cotter " " " " " "

13 Charles S. Ashley " " " " " "

14 Thomas C. Thacher " " " " " "

(Republican)

Roosevelt and Fairbanks ninety four ninety five ninety three 282

Wm W. Crapo. ninety four ninety five ninety three 282

Edwin U. Curtis " " " " " "

1 Robert M. Woods. " " " " " "

2 Norman P. Word. " " " " " "

3 Calvin D. Paige " " " " " "

4 Walter Percy Hall " " " " " "

5 Newton P. Frye " " " " " "

6 George H. Dole " " " " " "

Pre I Pre II Pre III Total

7 Clarence J. Fernald. ninety four ninety five ninety three 282

8 George W. Perkins " " " " " "

9 Francis L. Auld. " " " " " "

10 Milton C. Paige " " " " " "

11 Thomas. Sherwin " " " " " "

12 Abbott E. French " " " " " "

13 Benjamin Anthony " " " " " "

14 William A. Nye " " " " " "

Swallow and Carroll (Prohib.) none two three 5

Napoleon B. Johnson none two three 5

William H. Partridge " " " " "

1 Wilbur M. Farrington " " " " "

2 Alfred H. Evans. " " " " "

3 Richard D. Murphy " " " " "

4 Alfred L. Cutting " " " " "

5 George E. Batchelder " " " " "

6 James T. Pease. " " " " "

7 Henry A. Smith " " " " "

8 Joseph B. Bent " " " " "

9 William H. Park. " " " " "

10 Roland F. Alger " " " " "

11 Hiram B. Cross. " " " " "

12 William H. Cobb " " " " "

13 Charles A. Chace " " " " "

14 Daniel F. Chesebrough " " " " "

Blanks. five five eleven 21

Corgan and Co Socialist Labor none none none 0

Debs. & Hanford. Socialist none none none 0

Watson and Tibbles Peoples. none none none 0



|                        | Precinct I   | Precinct II  | Precinct III  | Total |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------|
| <i>For Governor.</i>   |              |              |               |       |
| John Quincy Adams.     | none         | none         | none          |       |
| John L. Bates          | eighty one   | eighty two   | seventy eight | 241   |
| Michael T. Berry       | none         | none         | none          |       |
| Oliver W. Cobb         | none         | none         | two           | 2     |
| William L. Douglas.    | forty three  | thirty nine  | forty two     | 124   |
| Blanks.                | six          | six          | five          | 17    |
| <i>Lieut Governor.</i> |              |              |               |       |
| Claf. Bokeland         | none         | none         | none          |       |
| John C. Crosby         | thirty six   | twenty nine  | thirty        | 95    |
| Frank P. Dyer          | none         | none         | two           | 2     |
| Ernest Guild Jr.       | seventy nine | eighty five  | eighty three  | 247   |
| Mortiz E. Necker       | of Maine     | of Maine     | of Maine      | 30    |
| Blanks.                | fifteen      | thirteen     | twelve        | 40    |
| <i>Secretary.</i>      |              |              |               |       |
| James A. Brennan       | none         | one          | none          | 1     |
| Fannie J. Clary        | "            | none         | two           | 2     |
| Charles C. Hitchcock   | none         | none         | none          | 0     |
| Henry B. Little        | twenty seven | nineteen     | twenty six    | 72    |
| William M. Olm         | eighty two   | eighty eight | eighty three  | 253   |
| Blanks.                | twenty one   | nineteen     | sixteen       | 56    |
| <i>Treasurer</i>       |              |              |               |       |
| Hubert C. Bartlett     | none         | none         | none          |       |
| Arthur B. Chapin       | eighty two   | eighty seven | eighty one    | 250   |
| Edmund D. Codman       | twenty nine  | twenty two   | twenty six    | 77    |
| Andrew. Mortenson      | none         | none         | none          | 0     |
| Willard O. Wyllie      | none         | one          | three         | 4     |
| Blanks.                | nineteen     | seventeen    | seventeen     | 53    |
| <i>Auditor</i>         |              |              |               |       |
| Charles E. Burnham     | one          | none         | two           | 3     |
| Walter J. Hoar         | none         | none         | none          | 0     |
| Charles. Stevens       | "            | "            | "             | 0     |
| Francis X. Tebault     | twenty eight | twenty one   | twenty four   | 73    |
| Henry E. Turner.       | eighty one   | eighty nine  | eighty three  | 253   |
| Blanks.                | twenty       | seventeen    | eighteen      | 55    |

|   | Precinct I                  | Precinct II            | Precinct III                 | Total |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-------|
| <i>Attorney General</i>                 |                             |                        |                              |       |
| Henry M. Dean                           | none                        | two                    | two                          | 4     |
| John P. Leahy                           | twenty five                 | twenty                 | twenty three                 | 68    |
| Herbert Parker                          | eighty six                  | ninety                 | eighty four                  | 260   |
| John Weaver Sherman                     | one                         | none                   | none                         | 1     |
| Thomas Stevenson                        | none                        | "                      | "                            | 0     |
| Blanks.                                 | eighteen                    | fifteen                | eighteen                     | 51    |
| <i>Representative in Congress.</i>      |                             |                        |                              |       |
| Marcus. A. Coolidge                     | thirty                      | twenty                 | twenty eight                 | 78    |
| John T. Mullen                          | nine                        | none                   | none                         | 9     |
| Charles L. Tirrell                      | eighty four                 | ninety two             | eighty five                  | 261   |
| Blanks.                                 | sixteen                     | fifteen                | fourteen                     | 45    |
| <i>Councillor</i>                       |                             |                        |                              |       |
| John E. Brennan                         | in none                     | of none                | in none                      | 30    |
| John T. O'Brien                         | twenty six                  | eighteen               | twenty three                 | 67    |
| Walter Scott Watson                     | eighty                      | eighty seven           | eighty three                 | 250   |
| Blanks.                                 | twenty four                 | twenty two             | twenty one                   | 67    |
| <i>Senator.</i>                         |                             |                        |                              |       |
| Chester W. Clark.                       | seventy nine                | eighty four            | eighty two                   | 245   |
| Peter B. Murphy                         | twenty six                  | twenty                 | twenty three                 | 69    |
| Blanks.                                 | twenty five                 | twenty three           | twenty two                   | 70    |
| <i>Representative in General Court.</i> |                             |                        |                              |       |
| M. Henry Chrysal                        | twenty eight                | twenty                 | twenty five                  | 73    |
| Waldo E. Conant                         | eighty                      | eighty six             | eighty one                   | 247   |
| Blanks.                                 | twenty two                  | twenty one             | twenty one                   | 64    |
| <i>County Commissioner</i>              |                             |                        |                              |       |
| Francis Bigelow                         | eighty                      | eighty eight           | eighty three                 | 251   |
| Charles F. Drury                        | none                        | one                    | none                         | 1     |
| James E. Hedy                           | twenty eight                | nineteen               | twenty two                   | 69    |
| Blanks.                                 | twenty two                  | nineteen               | twenty two                   | 63    |
| <i>Associate Commissioners.</i>         |                             |                        |                              |       |
| Laughlin Cameron                        | two                         | three                  | one                          | 6     |
| Ernest E. Hopkins                       | two                         | three                  | two                          | 7     |
| David F. Strange                        | sixty eight                 | seventy four           | sixty eight                  | 210   |
| Edward Everett Thompson                 | sixty one                   | sixty four             | fifty eight                  | 183   |
| Blanks.                                 | one hundred<br>twenty seven | one hundred<br>and ten | one hundred<br>& twenty five | 362   |

|  | Precinct I   | Precinct II  | Precinct III | Total |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| District Attorney                          | Northern.    |              |              |       |
| John J. Devine                             | twenty four  | eighteen     | twenty       | 62    |
| Squire E. Pitney                           | none         | none         | none         |       |
| George A. Sanderson                        | eighty two   | eighty seven | ninety two   | 261   |
| Blanks                                     | twenty four  | twenty two   | fifteen      | 61    |
| Sheriff                                    |              |              |              |       |
| Frederick Bancroft                         | twenty eight | eighteen     | twenty three | 69    |
| John R. Fairbairn                          | eighty one   | eighty eight | eighty seven | 256   |
| John L. Mulholland                         | none         | one          | none         | 1     |
| Blanks                                     | twenty one   | twenty       | seventeen    | 58    |
| Ballot box registered at opening of polls. | 0            | 0            | 0            |       |
| Ballot box registered at close of polls    | 130          | 127          | 127          |       |
| Number of names checked on voting list     | 130          | 127          | 127          | 384   |
| Number of ballots cast                     | 130          | 127          | 127          | 384   |

Horace F. Tuttle Clerk of Precinct I.

Abram. Tuttle Clerk of Precinct II.

Wm. F. Meloy Clerk of Precinct III.

A true copy of the several Precinct records.

Attest Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk.

Vote for Representative in 23. Middlesex District  
November 8 1904

|  | Acton | Agos. | Littleton | Shirley | Westford | Total |
|--|-------|-------|-----------|---------|----------|-------|
| M. Henry Chynstall<br>of Agos. (Dem)   | 73    | 190   | 29        | 58      | 87       | 437   |
| Malden E. Conant<br>of Littleton (Rep) | 247   | 234   | 132       | 115     | 224      | 972   |
| Blanks                                 | 64    | 64    | 22        | 54      | 76       | 280   |
|  | 384   | 488   | 203       | 227     | 387      | 1689  |

Warrant for the Town Meeting  
held March 27<sup>th</sup> 1905

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Middlesex S.S. To either of the Constables of  
the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex  
Greeting: You are hereby required in the name of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the  
inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in  
elections and town affairs, to assemble in the Town  
Hall, in said town on Monday the twenty seventh day  
of March A. D. 1905, at nine o'clock in the forenoon  
then and there to act upon the following articles, as they  
may think proper, viz-

Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

Art. 2 To see if the town will accept the reports of the  
Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee  
Library Trustees and other town officers

Art. 3 To choose all necessary town officers and committees  
and fix salaries

Art. 4 To hear and act upon the reports of any  
committee chosen to report at this meeting

Art. 5 To see what amount of money the town will raise  
for the due observance of Memorial Day

Art. 6 To see if the Town will accept the jury list  
as revised by the Selectmen

Art. 7 To see what amount of money the town will  
raise for repairing roads and bridges



- Art 8 To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of its Selectmen, to borrow money for the town, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes the current year.
- Art 9 To vote Yes or No in answer to the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in Acton the present year.
- Art 10 To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of Memorial Library the present year.
- Art 11 To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of schools the present year.
- Art 12 To see what amount of money the Town will raise for school supplies.
- Art 13 To see what amount of money the Town will raise for town charges.
- Art 14 To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor laws.
- Art 15 To see if the Town will maintain street lamps the present year, or act anything thereon.
- Art 16 To see what amount of money the town will appropriate for the care of cemeteries the current year, or act anything thereon.
- Art 17 To see if the Town will take any action in regard to (the <sup>annual</sup> celebration of) Old Home Week.
- Art 18 To see if the Town will vote to straighten the road at the "old schoolhouse lot" in South

- Acton, and raise a special amount for the same or act anything thereon.
- Art 19 To see what amount of money the town will raise, to maintain the Fire Department.
- Art 20 To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars, for six band concerts, two in each village, Acton, South Acton, and West Acton or act anything thereon.
- Art 21 To see if the Town will accept as a private way the laying out by the Road Commissioners of a private way, for the benefit of Mary T. Coughlin, from the town road near her dwelling house, over the land of Mary O. Neil to land of said Coughlin, northwly of said town road.
- Art 22 To see if the Town will take any action in relation to the speed of automobiles.
- Art 23 To see if the Town will take any action in regard to the extermination of the brown tail moth.
- Art 24 To see what action the Town will take in regard to the erection of a flag pole at Acton Center.
- Art 25 To see if the Town will take any action in regard to supplying a public watering trough for the West Village.
- Art 26 To see if the Town will vote to buy a lock up or take any action thereon.
- Art 27 To see if the Town will build a road across the land of C. W. Mead in West Acton, beginning at the turnpike at the South East corner of the land of the Fitchburg R. R. Co, thence northwly on east side of Fitchburg R. R. Co's land, to the road that passes the

house of Mrs G. B. Parker. the road to be built thirty feet wide or act anything thereon.

Art 28 To see if the Town will buy a piano for the town hall

Art 29 To see what action the town will take in regard to a heater for the town hall.

Art 30 To see what action the Town will take in relation to the collection of taxes the present year

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant, by posting copies attested by you, in the following places: One in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations, One in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co, M. E. Taylor & Co, Tuttle & Newton, Est of E. Jones, one at the office of F. J. Hastings & Co, and one at the Sagoy House seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting, Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon, to the Selectmen or the Town Clerk, on or before the time for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands in Acton, this thirteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five

|                    |                            |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Frank W. Hoyt      | } Selectmen<br>of<br>Acton |
| Arthur M. Whitcomb |                            |
| Edwin A. Phalen    |                            |

East Acton March 18 1905

This certifies that on this day I posted warrants attested by me at the following places one each at the Post Offices and Railroad Stations, one each at the stores of C. H. Mead & Co, M. E. Taylor & Co, Tuttle & Newton, Est of E. Jones, one at the office of F. J. Hastings & Co and one at the Sagoy House

D. J. Wetherbee  
Constable of Acton

## Proceedings of the Annual Meeting March 27th 1905

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Acton held on Monday the twenty seventh day of March 1905 at nine o'clock A. M. the articles in the warrant for said meeting were acted upon in the following manner, viz:—  
Abram Tuttle was sworn as teller

Art. 1. Luther Conant was chosen Moderator  
S. Hammond, Taylor, J. Warren, Flagg, Bertram D. Hall and Harry E. Clough were appointed and sworn by the Moderator to act as tellers.

Art. 2. Voted, to accept the report of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Library Trustees and other town officers

Art. 3. Voted, To choose on one ballot a Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Three Selectmen, Three Assessors, Three Overseers of the Poor, One member of the School Committee for three years, a Collector of Taxes, Four Constables One Cemetery Commissioner for three years, Six Field Drivers, Six surveyors of lumber, wood, hoops and staves, Three Fence Viewers, One Trustee of Memorial Library for three years, One Auditor, One Road Commissioner for three years, a Tree Warden, One Member of the Board of Health for three years.  
Voted, That the salary of the Collector of Taxes be one per cent of the amount collected and that he perform the duties hitherto performed by said officer  
Voted, That the salary of the Road Commissioner be the same as last year, namely:— Two and one half dollars per day employed, nine hours to constitute a day  
Voted, That the salary of the Auditor be fixed at, Six dollars.

The following Town Officers were chosen:—  
Town Clerk Horace F. Tuttle, sworn by Moderator



Town Treasurer, Jona. H. W. Wetherbee, sworn by J. P.

Selectmen, Frank W. Hoyt sworn by Moderator  
Arthur M. Whitcomb " " "  
Leyman C. Taylor. " " Town Clerk

Assessors, C. Faulkner Conant sworn by J. P.  
William F. Kelley " " Town Clerk  
Daniel J. Wetherbee " " Moderator

Careless of the Poor, O. A. Knowlton sworn by Moderator  
William F. Kelley " " Town Clerk  
J. Sterling Moore " " Town Clerk

School Committee for this year, Charles J. Williams

Collector of Taxes Daniel J. Wetherbee, sworn by Moderator

Constables, James Kingsley sworn by A. B. Parker, J. P.  
Albert S. Bradley sworn by Moderator  
Moses A. Reed. " " Town Clerk  
Daniel J. Wetherbee " " Moderator

Comptrol Commissioner 3 yrs. Herbert, T. Clark

Field Drivers, Arthur F. Blanchard, sworn by Moderator  
L. Warren Flagg " " "  
W. C. Robbins " " "  
Delbert H. Hall.  
Charles E. Wood, sworn by Town Clerk  
David C. Harris

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood, Hoops and Staves  
Herbert, T. Clark sworn by Moderator  
Edgar H. Hall.

Jona. P. Fletcher sworn by E. F. Conant, J. P.  
Charles C. Smith sworn by Moderator  
Edward F. Richardson sworn by E. F. Conant, J. P.  
Job W. Dupree

Town Viewers, Frank W. Hoyt sworn by Moderator  
Edwin A. Phalen

Arthur M. Whitcomb, sworn by Moderator  
Trustee Memorial Library

Charles J. Williams  
Auditor Waldo E. Whitcomb, sworn by Town Clerk

Road Commissioner William H. Kingsley, sworn by Moderator

Tree Warden Charles J. Williams Town Clerk sworn

Board of Health Charles J. Williams sworn by Town Clerk

Art. 4 Voted, To accept the report of the Selectmen in  
reference to the addition to the Town Hall.

Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to enlarge  
the Town Hall in accordance with the plan reported  
to the town at this meeting

Voted, to raise the sum of twenty two hundred dollars  
for enlarging the Town Hall.

Heard and accepted the report of the School Committee  
relative to sending pupils to the Concord High School

Art. 5 Voted, To raise the sum of Fifty dollars.

Art. 6. Voted, after taking from the list the names of  
George W. Worster, S. Hammond Taylor and  
Nelson J. Cole to accept the list as revised by  
the Selectmen

Art. 7. Voted, To raise the sum of Five thousand dollars

Art. 8 Voted To authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of  
the Selectmen, to borrow money for the town if necessary  
in anticipation of taxes the current year

- Art. 9. Total number of ballots cast. 192  
 Yes - 68  
 No - 124
- Art. 10. Voted, To raise Four hundred dollars for current expenses and Two hundred dollars for new books.
- Art. 11. Voted, To raise for common schools. \$3,800.  
 " " " " high school 1,800.  
 school supplies 525.  
 transportation of pupils 1360.  
 salary of Supt of schools 480  
 \$7965.
- Art. 12. Action taken under Art. 11
- Art. 13. Voted, To raise Five thousand dollars
- Art. 14. Voted, To appropriate Five hundred dollars.  
 Voted, to instruct the Selectmen to enforce the liquor laws
- Art. 15. Voted, To raise One thousand dollars for lighting streets.  
 Voted, To authorize the Selectmen to purchase such additional incandescent lamps as they may see fit.  
 Voted, That the lighting of the lamps be under the direction of the Selectmen.
- Art. 16. Voted, To appropriate the sum of Five hundred dollars
- Art. 17. Voted, To observe the week marking the anniversary of the incorporation of the town as "Old Home Week"  
 Voted, To appropriate Three hundred dollars  
 Chose Luther Conant, D. James Wetherbee, Per. J. P. Wood, J. Sidney White, George C. Wright, Edgar H. Hall, Arthur F. Blanchard, Frank R. Sproull, Frank Lethrop, E. F. Richardson, Per. F. S. Rice, Anson C. Piper, Samuel A. Guilford, E. Faulkner Conant, and Augustine Hosmer a Committee of Arrangement
- Art. 18. Voted, To refer to the Road Commissioners with power to act.

- Art. 19. Voted, To appropriate Three hundred and fifty dollars.
- Art. 20. A motion to appropriate One hundred and twenty five dollars did not prevail
- Art. 21. Voted, To accept and allow the laying out by the Road Commissioners of a private way, from the town road, near the house of Mary T. Coughlin northerly to land of said Coughlin over the land of Mary O. Neil in accordance with the return of said Commissioners dated March 18/1905
- Art. 22. Voted, To instruct the Selectmen to enforce the State Law relative to the speed of automobiles
- Art. 23. Voted, To appropriate One hundred and fifty dollars, to be used at the discretion of the Tree Warden for the extermination of the Brown tail moth.
- Art. 24. Voted, To instruct the Selectmen to replace the flagstaff on the Davis Monument
- Art. 25. Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to provide a public watering trough in the village of West Acton
- Art. 26. Voted to dismiss the article
- Art. 27. Voted to instruct the Road Commissioners to lay out a street as described in the article
- Art. 28. Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to place a piano in the Town Hall at an expense not exceeding fifty dollars
- Art. 29. Voted, To instruct the Selectmen to repair the heater
- Art. 30. Voted, That the Collector charge interest, at the rate of five per cent per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of November next.  
 Voted, to adjourn without day  
 A true record attest Grace F. Tuttle Town Clerk.



# Warrant for the State Election

November 7<sup>th</sup> 1905

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex, S.S.

To either of the Constables in the Town of Acton in said County, Greeting: -

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Acton and particularly the legal voters thereof, to meet at the polling places in the several precincts to which they respectively belong on Tuesday the seventh day of November 1905 at 11-45 o'clock A.M. Then and there to bring in their votes on one ballot for Governor, Lieut Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Councilor, Senator, Representative in the General Court, County Commissioner, and Register of Probate and Insolvency. The Polling places in the several Precincts will be as follows. In Precinct One In the Town Hall.

In Precinct Two In the Vestry of the Universalist Church So. Acton. In Precinct Three, in the School House. West. Acton.

The Polls will be opened at 11-45 A.M. and may be closed at 3.45 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting copies thereof, attested by you, one in each of the Post Office and Railroad Stations one in the office of F. J. Hastings and Co. One at the Nagog House. one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co. M. E. Taylor & Co, Tuttle & Newton, Finney & Hobbs and, Waldo. E. Whitcomb, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meetings, Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with you doings thereon, to the Town Clerk on or before the time for holding said meetings. Given under our hands this twenty-sixth day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and five

Frank W. Hoyt  
Arthur M. Whitcomb  
Lyman C. Taylor. Selectmen of Acton.

Acton Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> 1905

This is to certify that on this thirtieth day of October I posted copies of this warrant by one attested one in each of the Post Office and Railroad Stations one at the office of F. J. Hastings & Co. One at the Nagog House. one at each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co. M. E. Taylor & Co, Tuttle & Newton, Finney & Hobbs and, Waldo. E. Whitcomb.

D. J. Wetherbee. Constable of Acton

## Proceedings of Meetings

Held Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 1905

in accordance with the preceding warrant in Precincts One, Two and Three in Town of Acton. The following is a record of the names of all persons voted for, the number of votes received for each person the title of the office for which he was proposed, and the number of blank ballots received for each office.

| Governor.               | Precinct I    | Precinct II  | Precinct III | Total |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Charles W. Bartlett Dem | forty one     | twenty one   | thirty       | 92    |
| James F. Carey Inc      | "             | "            | "            | "     |
| William H. Carroll S.D. | "             | "            | "            | "     |
| Curtis Guild Jr Rep     | seventy seven | seventy six  | ninety three | 246   |
| Willard C. Wylic P.     | one           | two          | two          | 4     |
| Blanks                  | one           | one          | three        | 5     |
| Lieut Governor.         |               |              |              |       |
| Thomas F. Brennan S.D.  | none          | none         | none         | "     |
| Chas. S. Draper Rep     | seventy five  | seventy two  | eighty five  | 232   |
| Patrick Mahoney Inc     | none          | one          | one          | 2     |
| John H. Smith P         | none          | three        | three        | 6     |
| Henry M. Whitney Dem    | forty two     | twenty three | thirty four  | 99    |
| Blanks                  | two           | one          | five         | 8     |

| Secretary                  | Precinct 1 | Precinct 2 | Precinct 3 | Total |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| Charles C. Hitchcock Sec.  | one        | one        | none       | 2     |
| Jonathan S. Lewis Pro.     | none       | one        | one        | 2     |
| Henry B. Little Dem.       | thirty two | two do     | twenty one | 65    |
| William M. Olver Rep.      | eighty     | eighty two | ninety one | 253   |
| Moritz E. Ruther Sec. Lab. | none       | none       | none       | 0     |
| Blanks.                    | six        | four       | fifteen    | 25    |

| Treasurer               | Precinct 1   | Precinct 2   | Precinct 3   | Total |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Christopher D. Albro P. | none         | one          | one          | 2     |
| David S. Brodeur S.     | none         | none         | none         | 0     |
| Arthur B. Chapin R.     | seventy nine | seventy nine | ninety three | 251   |
| Joel Claudino S.L.      | one          | none         | none         | 1     |
| Daniel F. Doherty D.    | twenty nine  | fifteen      | twenty one   | 65    |
| Blanks.                 | ten          | five         | thirteen     | 28    |

| Auditor                    | Precinct 1   | Precinct 2  | Precinct 3  | Total |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| Patrick J. Ashe D.         | thirty two   | fourteen    | nineteen    | 65    |
| Herbert B. Griffin P.      | one          | two         | two         | 5     |
| E. C. Fredrik Hansson S.L. | one          | none        | one         | 2     |
| Ambrose Miles S.           | none         | none        | nine        | 0     |
| Henry E. Turner R.         | seventy five | seventy six | eighty nine | 240   |
| Blanks.                    | ten          | eight       | seventeen   | 35    |

| Attorney General    | Precinct 1  | Precinct 2    | Precinct 3 | Total |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------|
| Allen Coffin P.     | none        | none          | two        | 2     |
| Henry C. Hess S.L.  | one         | one           | none       | 2     |
| John P. Leahy D.    | thirty two  | eighteen      | twenty one | 71    |
| Dana Malone R.      | seventy six | seventy three | ninety     | 239   |
| John Weaver Sherman | one         | none          | one        | 2     |
| Blanks.             | nine        | eight         | fourteen   | 31    |

| Councillor            | Precinct 1    | Precinct 2   | Precinct 3 | Total |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| Alfred E. Cox R.      | seventy seven | seventy nine | ninety two | 248   |
| George W. Enwright D. | thirty four   | thirteen     | twenty     | 67    |
| Wilbur R. Hatch Sec.  | one           | one          | none       | 2     |
| Blanks.               | seven         | seven        | sixteen    | 30    |

| Senator             | Precinct 1  | Precinct 2   | Precinct 3 | Total |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| Chester H. Clark R. | eighty six  | eighty three | ninety     | 259   |
| Patrick J. O'Brien  | twenty nine | thirteen     | twenty     | 62    |
| Blanks.             | four        | four         | eighteen   | 26    |

| Representative in General Court | Precinct 1   | Precinct 2 | Precinct 3               | Total |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Delitte H. Hall R.              | eighty nine  | eighty two | one hundred and nineteen | 290   |
| Gardner W. Proouty D.           | twenty seven | fifteen    | six                      | 48    |
| Blanks.                         | three        | three      | three                    | 9     |

| County Commissioner   | Precinct 1   | Precinct 2 | Precinct 3 | Total |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------|
| Frederick Bancroft D. | thirty six   | seventeen  | twenty one | 74    |
| Levi S. Gould R.      | seventy nine | eighty     | ninety     | 249   |
| Blanks.               | four         | three      | seventeen  | 24    |

| Register of Probate and Insolvency | Precinct 1 | Precinct 2 | Precinct 3 | Total |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| Alfred Belanger D.                 | thirty one | sixteen    | seventeen  | 64    |
| William E. Rogers R.               | eighty     | eighty     | ninety one | 251   |
| Blanks.                            | eight      | four       | twenty     | 32    |

| Ballot Box registered at opening of polls. | Precinct 1 | Precinct 2 | Precinct 3 | Total |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-------|
|  | 100        | 100        | 100        |       |
| Ballot Box registered at close of polls.   | 123        | 100        | 128        |       |
| Number of voters checked.                  | 119        | 100        | 128        |       |
| Number of ballots cast.                    | 119        | 100        | 128        |       |

| Horace F. Tuttle Clerk of Precinct 1 | Precinct 1 | Precinct 2 | Precinct 3 | Total |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| Abram Tuttle                         | "          | "          | "          | 2     |
| William F. Hilley                    | "          | "          | "          | 3     |

A true record of the several precinct records.

Miss Horace F. Tuttle, Town Clerk.

Vote for Representatives in 23<sup>d</sup> Middlesex District

| Vote for Representatives in 23 <sup>d</sup> Middlesex District Nov. 7, 1905 | Acton | Agos. | Littletown | Sherley | Westford | Total |
|---|-------|-------|------------|---------|----------|-------|
| Delitte H. Hall.  |       |       |            |         |          |       |
| of Acton Rep.   | 290   | 207   | 106        | 87      | 199      | 889   |
| Gardner W. Proouty of Littletown Dem.                                       | 48    | 150   | 78         | 49      | 87       | 412   |
| Sanillem W. Longley of Sherley  |       |       |            | 3       |          | 3     |
| Blanks.   | 9     | 27    | 7          | 21      | 28       | 92    |
|   | 347   | 384   | 191        | 160     | 314      | 1396  |



Acton Mass. March 23 1906

In accordance with the provisions of Section 62 Chap. 25 Revised Laws of Mass. I hereby appoint Charles J. Williams of said Acton to be assistant Town Clerk for the remainder of my present term of office  
Horace F. Tuttle

Town Clerk of Acton

I, Charles J. Williams of said Acton solemnly swear that I will faithfully perform the duties devolving upon me as Assistant Town Clerk for the Town of Acton Mass.

Charles J. Williams

Middlesex s.s. Acton March 26 1906

Then personally appeared the above named Charles J. Williams and took and subscribed the foregoing oath before me  
Horace F. Tuttle

Justice of the Peace

Warrant for the Town Meeting  
held March 26 1906.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex s.s.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex. Greeting:—  
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday the twenty sixth day of March A. D. 1906 at nine o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles, as they may think proper, viz:—

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- Art. 2. To see if the town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Library Trustees and other town officers.
- Art. 3. To choose all necessary town officers and fix salaries
- Art. 4. To hear and act upon the reports of any committees chosen to report at this meeting
- Art. 5. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the due observance of Memorial Day
- Art. 6. To see if the Town will accept the jury list as revised by the Selectmen
- Art. 7. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for repairing roads and bridges

- Art. 8. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the town, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes the current year.
- Art. 9 To vote Yes or No in answer to the question Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in Acton the present year.
- Art. 10. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of Memorial Library the present year.
- Art. 11, To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of schools the present year.
- Art. 12, To see what amount of money the town will raise for school supplies.
- Art. 13 To see what amount of money the town will raise for town charges.
- Art. 14, To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor laws or act anything thereon.
- Art. 15 To see if the town will maintain street lamps the present year, or act anything thereon.
- Art. 16 To see what amount of money the town will appropriate for the care of cemeteries the present year or act anything thereon.
- Art. 17, To see what amount of money the town will raise to maintain the fire department.

- Art. 18 To see if the town will adopt the use of official ballots at their elections, and determine what officers in addition to those required to be so elected, shall be so chosen and determine the number and term of office.
- Art. 19 To see if the town will appropriate the sum of Five hundred dollars to macadamize the piece of road in Acton from the Maynard town line to the Concord town line, about 2000 feet in length or act anything thereon.
- Art. 20. To see if the town will take any action in regard to leaving a driveway under the proposed overhead bridge at South Acton, between the property of Mrs. Ella Hosmer and railroad or take any action thereon.
- Art. 21 To see if the town will take any action in relation to the speed of automobiles.
- Art. 22, To see if the town will take any action in regard to the extermination of the brown tail moths.
- Art. 23 To see if the town will vote to buy a look up or take any action thereon.
- Art. 24, To see if the town will accept and build the the road leading from Massachusetts Avenue to School Street, in West Acton as laid out by Road Commissioners or act anything thereon.
- Art. 25, To see if the town will further instruct the Selectmen in regard to building the addition to the town hall or take any action thereon.



- Art 26. To see if the town will officially accept the historical box and gavel which has been presented to the Selectmen by D. Henry Scarlett or take any action thereon
- Art 27 To see if the town will raise \$120.<sup>00</sup> for six band concerts, or take any action thereon.
- Art 28 To see if the town will discontinue the private way laid out by the Road Commissioners of the Town of Acton on petition of Mary T. Coughlin over land of Mary O. Neil and accepted by the town at its meeting held on the 27th day of March 1905
- Art 29 To see if the town will rescind the vote passed at the April meeting in 1893 whereby they voted to choose three Road Commissioners and accept the provisions of Chap 11, Section 336 Revised laws, relating to the election of Highway Surveyor
- Art 30 To see if the town will vote to pay the bounty of \$125.00 as voted on March 2 1891 to G. M. Pike. with interest or act anything thereon.
- Art 31 To see what action the town will take in relation to the collection of taxes the present year
- Art 32 To see if the town will appropriate the sum of two thousand (2000) dollars to macadamize the road from East Acton to Acton Center or act anything thereon

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting copies, attested by you, in the following

places. One in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations, one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co. M. E. Taylor & Co. Tuttle & Norton, Tenney & Hoyt, J. Cushing & Co. and one at the Magaz House seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or the Town Clerk on or before the time for holding said meeting

Given under our hands in Acton this thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and six

Frank W. Hoyt  
Arthur M. Whitcomb  
Lyman C. Taylor  
Selectmen of Acton

Warrants posted at the required places the required time before town meeting

Signed Moses A. Reed, Constable of Acton

Proceedings of the Annual Meeting  
held March 26 1906.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Acton held on Monday the twenty-sixth day of March 1906 at nine o'clock A.M. the articles in the warrant for said meeting were acted upon in the following manner.

Abram Tuttle and Francis S. Davis having been previously appointed tellers by the Selectmen were sworn by the Assistant Town Clerk

Art. 1. Allen B. Parker was chosen moderator

Art. 2. Voted, To accept the reports of the several town officers and of the committee on Old Home week as printed

Art. 3. Voted, To choose on one ballot a Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Three Selectmen, Three Assessors, Three Overseers of the Poor, One member of the School Committee for three years a Collector of Taxes, Four Constables, One Cemetery Commissioner for three years, Four Field Drivers, Six Surveyors of Lumber, Wood Piles and Stacks, Three Fence Viewers, One Trustee of Memorial Library for three years One Auditor, One Road Commissioner for three years, One member of the Board of Health for three years, a Tree Warden.

J. Linwood Richardson, David C. Harris Hobart E. Mead, and Charles C. Smith were appointed additional tellers and were sworn.

Voted, That the salary of the Tax Collector be one per cent of the amount collected and that he perform all the duties hitherto performed by said officer.

Voted, That the salary of the Road Commissioners be the same as last year, namely:—Two and one half dollars per day employed, nine hours to constitute a day

Voted, That the salary of the Auditor be fixed at six dollars.

The following Town Officers and Committees were chosen

Town Clerk Horace F. Tuttle. sworn by Mod.

Treasurer, Jona. H. W. Wetherbee. sworn by E. F. Conant, J. P.

Selectmen Frank W. Hoyt sworn by Mod.

Bertram D. Hall. sworn by Mod.

Edwin A. Phalen sworn by Mod.

Assessors, E. Faulkner Conant.

William F. Stevens sworn by Mod.

James B. Tuttle. sworn by J. C.

Overseers of the Poor.

Otmarus A. Howcolton sworn by Mod.

J. Sterling Moore sworn by J. C.

William F. Kelley sworn by J. C.

School Committee

Samuel A. Christie

Tax Collector

W. F. Stevens sworn by Mod.

Constables,

Albert S. Bradley sworn by Mod.

Moses A. Reed sworn by J. C.

James Hinsley

W. F. Stevens sworn.

Cemetery Commissioner

Julian Tuttle

Field Drivers

Moses A. Reed. sworn by J. C.

Albert S. Bradley sworn by Mod.

William F. Stevens.



Tried Drivers (continued) James Hinsley  
Surgeons of Lamb, Wood, Hoops + Staves

Herbert T. Clark sworn

Edgar H. Hall

Jona P. Fletcher sworn E. F. Conant, J. P.

Charles E. Smith sworn

Edward T. Richardson sworn E. F. Conant, J. P.

Job W. Dupre.

Town Viewers

Frank W. Hoyt sworn

Edwin A. Phalen sworn

Bertram D. Hall.

Trustee Memorial Library

Lucius A. Huseltown

Auditor

Waldo E. Whitcomb sworn

Road Commissioner

Albert H. Perkins sworn

Member of the Board of Health.

Frank E. Tasker

Tree Warden.

Charles J. Williams sworn.

Art. 4 After the declaration of the vote for town officers

Mr. E. F. Conant who had been declared elected

Art. 5 To the office of Assessor, declined to accept it  
thereupon it was voted to open the polls  
and proceed to ballot for one assessor

Art. 6 The polls were opened, ballots were cast and  
counted and Harry E. Clough was chosen  
Assessor sworn by E. F. Conant, J. P.

Nelson J. Cole sworn as Foreward before.

Jona. H. W. Metherbee J. P.

Art. 4 No action taken

Art. 5 Voted, to raise the sum of One hundred (100.)  
dollars for the due observance of Memorial Day

Art. 6 Voted, after taking from the list the names  
of Abram Tuttle and Herbert T. Clark  
and adding the name of Octavius A. Knollton  
to accept the jury list as revised by the Selectmen

Art. 7 Voted, to raise the sum of five thousand  
dollars for roads and bridges all special work  
to be done from this appropriation

Art. 8 Voted, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval  
of the Selectmen to borrow money for the town  
if necessary in anticipation of the taxes  
the current year.

Art. 9 Total number of ballots cast. 221

Yes. sixty nine 69.

No one hundred and fifty two 152.

Art. 10 Voted. To raise four hundred dollars for running expenses  
and two hundred dollars for books for Memorial Library

Art. 11 Voted, to raise for common schools. 3,800.00

High school 1,800.00

School supplies 525.00

Transportation of pupils 1,360.00

Salary of supt of schools. 480.00

7,965.00

Art. 12 Voted to pass over the article

Art. 13 Voted, to raise thirty five hundred (3500.00)  
for town charges.

Art. 14 Chose. Allen B. Parker, Moses A. Reed  
Sidney L. Richardson and O. A. Knollton a  
committee for the enforcement of the liquor laws.

- Art. 14. Voted, to appropriate five hundred (500) dollars for the enforcement of the liquor laws
- Art. 15 Voted, to raise eight hundred and fifty (850) dollars for the maintenance of street lamps the current year.
- Art. 16 Voted, to appropriate the sum of five hundred (500) dollars for the care of cemeteries
- Art. 17 Voted, to appropriate the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars for the maintenance of the fire department
- Art. 18 Voted, to adopt the use of official ballots in town elections
- Voted, That hereafter the town officers to be chosen by ballot, the number of said officers and their term of office shall be as follows, Three Selectmen for one year, one Town Clerk for one year, one Town Treasurer for one year, three Assessors for one year, three Overseers of the Poor for one year, one Auditor for one year, one Collector of Taxes for one year, four Constables for one year, four Field Drivers for one year, three Fence Viewers for one year, Three Road Commissioners, one to be elected each year for the term of three years, Three members of the School Committee, one to be elected each year for the term of three years, Three members of the Board of Health one to be elected each year for a term of three years, Three Cemetery Commissioners, one to be elected each year for a term of three years, Three Trustees of Memorial Library one to be elected each year for a term of three years, and one Tree Warden for one year.

- Art. 19. Voted, to instruct the Road Commissioners to construct the road at the Powder Mills after the now incomplete macadam roads between Acton Center and South Acton and South Acton and West Acton shall have been completed
- Art. 20 Voted, to pass over the article
- Art. 21 Voted, to enforce the law relating to automobiles
- Art. 22 Voted, to appropriate two hundred dollars for the extermination of brown tail moths.
- Art. 23 Voted, to leave the matter of buying a lockup to the Selectmen
- Art. 24 Voted, to pass over the article
- Art. 25 Voted, to rescind the vote of last year taken under Art. 4 of the warrant for March 27 1905 relating to the enlargement of the town hall and the raising of twenty two hundred dollars therefor
- Art. 26 Voted, to accept the gift of Mr D. Henry Scarlett and that the same be placed in the Memorial Library in care of the Trustees.
- Voted, to present to Mr. D Henry Scarlett a memento in recognition of his gift as shall be determined by the Selectmen.
- Art. 27 Voted, to pass over the article
- Art. 28 Voted, to dismiss the article
- Art. 29 Voted, not to rescind the vote of 1893 relating to the election of Road Commissioners



Art. 30 Voted, to instruct the Selectmen to pay to Mrs Sawyer, once the widow of George M. Pike the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars.

Art. 31 Voted, that the Collector charge interest at the rate of five per cent per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of November next.

Art. 32 Voted to pass over the article

Voted to adjourn without day

A true record attest

Horace F. Tuttle

Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton, qualified to vote in elections, and town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall, in said town on Thursday the 2nd day of August A.D. 1906 at 8 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, as they may think proper, viz

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Art. 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract with the Commonwealth for the building of a section of State Highway beginning at West Acton and extending east on the Turnpike as laid out by the State Highway Commission. Amount appropriated by State \$6000.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will take further action in reference to street-lighting

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting copies attested by you in the following places, one in each of the Post Office and Railroad Stations, one in each of the stores of C H Mead & Co, M. E Taylor & Co. Tuttle & Newton, Finney & Hoit, J. Cushing & Co and one at the Nag's House seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting. You fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the

time of holding said meeting  
 Given under our hands in Acton this  
 twenty fourth day of July in the year of our  
 Lord one thousand nine hundred and six  
 Frank W. Hoit Selectmen  
 Edwin A. Phalen of Acton  
 Bertram D. Hall.

This is to certify that attested copies of the  
 within warrant were posted in the several  
 places as directed by the Selectmen seven  
 days before the time appointed for holding  
 said meeting.

William F. Stearns Constable  
 Acton Aug 2 1906. of Acton

Proceedings of the Meeting Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 1906  
 At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town  
 of Acton held on Thursday the second day  
 of August 1906 at eight o'clock in the evening  
 the articles in the warrant for said meeting were  
 acted upon in the following manner, viz.

Art. 1. Herbert T. Clark was chosen Moderator

Art. 2. Voted, That the Selectmen be authorized  
 to enter into a contract with the Commonwealth  
 for the building of a section of State Highway  
 beginning at West Acton and extending east  
 on the Turnpike as laid out by the State  
 Highway Commission.

Art. 3. Voted, That the street lamps be lighted  
 twenty nights in every month in the year.  
 Voted, To appropriate two hundred (200) dollars  
 to carry out this vote.

Voted, To adjourn without day

A true record,

Attest Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk

Warrant for the State Election Nov. 6. 1906.  
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton  
 in said County; Greeting;

You are hereby required in the name of the  
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the  
 inhabitants of the Town of Acton and particularly the  
 voters thereof to meet at the polling places in the several  
 precincts to which they respectively belong on Tuesday  
 the sixth day of November 1906 at 11.45 o'clock  
 A.M. There and there to bring in their votes on one  
 ballot for Governor, Lieut Governor, Secretary, Treasurer,  
 Auditor, Attorney General, Representative in Congress,  
 Councillor, Senator, Representative in General Court,  
 County Commissioner, Clerk of Court, Register of Deeds,  
 County Treasurer.

The polling places in the several precincts will  
 be as follows: Precinct One in the Town Hall.

Precinct Two, in the Vestry of the Universalist Church  
 South Acton

Precinct three, in the School House West Acton

The polls will be opened at 11.45 A.M. and may be  
 closed at 3.45 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting  
 copies thereof attested by you, one in each of the  
 Post Office and Railroad Stations, one in the office  
 of J. Cushing & Co. one at the Nagog House one  
 in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co, M. E.  
 Taylor & Co, Tuttle & Newton, Finney & Knit  
 seven days at least before the time appointed  
 for holding said meeting.

Thereof fail not and make due return of this  
 warrant with your doings thereon to the Town  
 Clerk on or before the time appointed for holding said  
 meetings



Given under our hands in Acton this twenty-sixth day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and six

Frank W. Brit Selectmen  
Edwin A. Phalen of Acton  
Bertram D. Hall.

This is to certify that attested copies of the within warrant have been posted as directed by the Selectmen seven days before the time appointed for holding said meetings

W. F. Stevens  
Acton Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> 1906 Constable of Acton

## Proceedings of Meetings held November 6, 1906

in accordance with the foregoing warrant in Precincts 1, 2, and 3, in the Town of Acton

The following is a record of the names of all persons voted for, the number of votes received for each person, the title of the office for which he was proposed, and the number of Blank Ballots received for each office

| Governor                   | Precinct 1    | Precinct 2   | Precinct 3 | Total |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| Samuel Bradford, S. L.     | none          | one          | one        | 2     |
| William H. Carroll, S. L.  | one           | one          | none       | 2     |
| Quincy Guild, Jr. R.       | seventy-eight | seventy-nine | ninety-two | 249   |
| John B. Moran, Prohibition | four          | two          | three      | 9     |
| John B. Moran, Ind. League | three         | four         | two        | 9     |
| John B. Moran, Dem.        | ten           | fifteen      | eleven     | 36    |
| Blanks.                    | two           | three        | four       | 9     |
| John B. Moran —            | one           | two          | two        | 5     |

Lieut Governor  
E. Gerry Brown, Ind. L. Dem.  
Hervey S. Corwell Pro.

| Precinct 1 | Precinct 2 | Precinct 3 | Total |
|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| twenty-two | twenty-six | twenty     | 68    |
| none       | two        | one        | 3     |

Lieut Governor, (continued)

|                      | Precinct 1  | Precinct 2 | Precinct 3 | Total |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------|
| E. L. Draper R.      | seventy-two | seventy    | eighty-two | 224   |
| Walter J. Hoar S. L. | none        | three      | one        | 4     |
| John F. Mullen Soc.  | none        | none       | none       | 0     |
| Blanks               | five        | five       | eleven     | 21    |

Secretary

|                                | Precinct 1  | Precinct 2  | Precinct 3 | Total |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------|
| Jonathan S. Lewis Pro.         | none        | one         | one        | 2     |
| Ambrose Miles Soc.             | two         | none        | none       | 2     |
| William M. Olin R.             | seventy-one | seventy-six | ninety-one | 238   |
| Charles C. Paine, S. L. & Dem. | twenty      | twenty-two  | sixteen    | 58    |
| Blanks.                        | six         | seven       | seven      | 20    |

Treasurer

|                          | Precinct 1   | Precinct 2    | Precinct 3  | Total |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Arthur B. Chapin R.      | seventy-four | seventy-seven | eighty-five | 236   |
| George B. Cushman Soc.   | one          | none          | none        | 1     |
| S. Frederick French Pro. | one          | one           | one         | 3     |
| George M. Harrigan Dem.  | seventeen    | twenty-two    | seventeen   | 56    |
| Blanks.                  | six          | six           | twelve      | 24    |

Auditor

|                       | Precinct 1  | Precinct 2   | Precinct 3   | Total |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Albert Barnes, S. L.  | none        | two          | none         | 2     |
| Thomas L. Higgen Dem. | seventeen   | twenty-two   | nineteen     | 58    |
| Fred. L. Johnson Soc. | one         | none         | none         | 1     |
| James F. Pease P.     | three       | two          | one          | 6     |
| Henry E. Turner R.    | seventy-one | seventy-four | eighty-three | 228   |
| Blanks.               | seven       | six          | twelve       | 25    |

Attorney General

|                        | Precinct 1  | Precinct 2   | Precinct 3  | Total |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------|
| Allen Coffey Pro.      | none        | two          | one         | 3     |
| Dana Malone R.         | sixty-nine  | seventy-two  | eighty-four | 225   |
| Arthur E. Reimer S. L. | none        | two          | none        | 2     |
| John Weston Sherman S. | one         | none         | none        | 1     |
| John A. Thayer Dem.    | twenty-four | twenty-three | twenty-one  | 68    |
| Blanks.                | five        | seven        | nine        | 21    |

Representative in Congress

|                         | Precinct 1    | Precinct 2   | Precinct 3 | Total |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| Timothy Richardson Soc. | seven         | six          | one        | 14    |
| Charles Z. Tirrell Rep. | seventy-three | seventy-nine | ninety-two | 244   |
| Charles E. Wood.        | none          | none         | one        | 1     |
| Blanks.                 | nineteen      | twenty-one   | twenty-one | 61    |

| Councillors                                   | Precinct 1   | Precinct 2    | Precinct 3   | Total |
|---|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------|
| John C. Ball Soc.                             | one          | none          | none         | 1     |
| Edward Gallagher Dem                          | sixteen      | seventeen     | eighteen     | 51    |
| Edward W. Jones. R.                           | twenty three | twenty eight  | eighty three | 234   |
| Blanks.                                       | nine         | eleven        | fourteen     | 34    |
| Senator                                       |              |               |              |       |
| John P. Farley Dem                            | nineteen     | sixteen       | sixteen      | 51    |
| James Wilson Grimes R.                        | fifty nine   | twenty three  | eighty six   | 218   |
| Charles W. Pratt. Soc.                        | one          | one           | none         | 2     |
| Blanks.                                       | twenty       | sixteen       | thirteen     | 49    |
| Representative in General Court               |              |               |              |       |
| James P. Dunigan D.                           | twenty       | twenty one    | twenty four  | 65    |
| Edwin C. Perham R.                            | seventy one  | seventy six   | eighty       | 227   |
| Blanks.                                       | eight        | nine          | eleven       | 28    |
| County Commissioner                           |              |               |              |       |
| Oscar J. Johnson                              | one          | one           | one          | 3     |
| Patrick E. Sullivan                           | twenty       | seventeen     | fifteen      | 52    |
| Samuel C. Upham                               | seventy      | eighty        | eighty six   | 236   |
| Blanks.                                       | eight        | eight         | thirteen     | 29    |
| Clerk of Courts                               |              |               |              |       |
| Theodore C. Heard. R.                         | seventy four | seventy seven | eighty six   | 237   |
| Charles E. McCarthy                           | eighteen     | sixteen       | seventeen    | 51    |
| Blanks.                                       | seven        | thirteen      | twelve       | 32    |
| Register of Deeds.                            |              |               |              |       |
| Edwin C. Childs                               | seventy five | seventy eight | eighty seven | 240   |
| Seymour J. Milliken                           | six          | four          | one          | 11    |
| Blanks.                                       | eighteen     | twenty four   | twenty seven | 69    |
| County Treasurer                              |              |               |              |       |
| Joe P. O. Hayden                              | seventy four | seventy seven | eighty eight | 239   |
| John O. Brien                                 | fifteen      | fifteen       | fourteen     | 44    |
| William Parker                                | two          | one           | none         | 3     |
| Blanks.                                       | eight        | thirteen      | thirteen     | 34    |
| Ballot Box registered at the opening of poll. | 000.         | 000.          | 000.         |       |
| Ballot Box registered at the close of poll.   | 100.         | 106.          | 115.         |       |
| Number of Voters checked                      | 99           | 106.          | 115          |       |
| Number of ballots cast                        | 99           | 106.          | 115          |       |

Horace F. Tuttle Clerk of Precinct 1  
 Abner Tuttle Clerk of Precinct 2.  
 William F. Kelley Clerk of Precinct 3.  
 A true record of the several precinct records.  
 Attest Horace F. Tuttle.  
 Town Clerk.

### Vote for Representative in 11<sup>th</sup> Middlesex District

Nov. 7, 1906.

|   | Acton | Ayer | Carlisle | Chelmsford | Littleton | Westford | Totals |
|---|-------|------|----------|------------|-----------|----------|--------|
| James P. Dunigan<br>of Chelmsford. Dem. | 65    | 187  | 44       | 364        | 49        | 134      | 843    |
| Edwin C. Perham<br>of Chelmsford. Rep.  | 227   | 225  | 44       | 302        | 111       | 180      | 1189   |
| Blanks.                                 | 28    | 44   | 10       | 38         | 18        | 38       | 176    |
| Totals.                                 | 320   | 456  | 98       | 704        | 178       | 352      | 2108   |

Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk of Acton  
 Arthur Finner " " " Ayer  
 Daniel L. Chamberlain " " " Carlisle  
 Edward J. Robbins " " " Chelmsford  
 Charles F. Johnson. " " " Littleton  
 Edward Fisher " " " Westford



# Warrant for Annual Meeting

March 25<sup>th</sup> 1907.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton  
in the County of Middlesex.

Greeting, -

You are hereby required in the name  
of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to  
notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton  
qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to  
assemble in the Town Hall, in said town on  
Monday, the twenty-fifth day of March A.D. 1907,  
at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to  
act on the following articles as they may think  
proper, viz: -

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2 To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following  
town officers, Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three  
Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer,  
one Collector of Taxes, one Auditor, one Tree Warden,  
four Constables, four Field Drivers, three Fence  
Viewers all for one year, one Road Commissioner,  
one Trustee of Memorial Library, one member  
of the School Committee, and one member of the  
Board of Health, all for three years, Also on the  
same ballot with the above named town officers  
to vote upon the following question, Shall  
licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating  
liquors in the town.

The polls will be opened at 9.30. A. M. and  
may be closed at 4. o'clock P. M.

Art. 3. To choose all necessary town officers not  
named in Art. 2. and fix salaries

Art. 4. To see if the town will accept the reports of the  
Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee  
Library Trustees, and other town officers

Art. 5 To hear and act upon the report of any  
committee chosen to report at this meeting

Art. 6 To see what amount of money the town will  
raise for due observance of Memorial day

Art. 7. To see if the town will accept the jury list  
as revised by the Selectmen

Art. 8 To see what amount of money the town will  
raise for the repairing <sup>and building</sup> of roads and bridges  
or act anything thereon

Art. 9 To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer  
with the approval of its Selectmen, to borrow money  
for the town if necessary in anticipation of taxes  
the current year.

Art. 10. To see what amount of money the town will  
raise for support of Memorial Library the  
present year.

Art. 11 To see what amount of money the town will  
raise for the support of schools the present year

Art. 12. To see what amount of money the town  
will raise for school supplies

Art. 13. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of  
money for the enforcement of the liquor laws or  
act anything thereon.

- Art. 14 To see what amount of money the town will appropriate for the care of cemeteries or act anything thereon
- Art. 15 To see what amount of money the town will raise for maintenance of Fire Department or act thereon
- Art. 16 To see if the town will authorize its Selectmen to contract with the American Woolen Co. for the lighting of its streets or take any action thereon
- Art. 17 To see what amount of money the town will raise for town charges.
- Art. 18 To see if the town will vote to buy a steam roller.
- Art. 19 To see what action the town will take in regard to the extermination of the Brown tail and gypsy moth
- Art. 20 To see if the town will accept the sidewalk act or take any action thereon
- Art. 21 To see if the town will discontinue an old bridge road from the house of Moses Taylor to the late Isaac Barker or act anything thereon
- Art. 22 To see if the town will vote to install electric lights in the public buildings or act anything thereon
- Art. 23 To see if the town will vote to place a memorial stone in the Pilgrim Monument at Provincetown or act anything thereon
- Art. 24 To see if the town will take any action in regard to the speed of automobiles

- Art. 25 To see if the town will purchase a suitable piece of land adjoining the school house lot at South Acton for a play ground or take any action thereon.
- Art. 26 To see what action the town will take in regard to the collection of taxes
- Art. 27 To see if the town will maintain street lamps or act anything thereon
- Art. 28 To see if the town will straighten the lower end of Maple Street, South Acton or act anything thereon
- And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting copies attested by you in the following places, one in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations, one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co. W. E. Whitcomb, M. E. Taylor & Co., Tuttle & Newton, Timney & Hoyt, J. Cushing & Co. and one at the Nag's House seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting. If you fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time of holding said meeting.
- Given under our hands in Acton this thirteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven
- |                 |                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Frank W. Hoyt   | } Selectmen<br>of Acton |
| Edwin A. Phalen |                         |
| Bertram D. Hall |                         |

Middlesex ss. March 16<sup>th</sup> 1907.

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the several places designated in the warrant seven days before the said twenty fifth day of March 1907.

William T. Stevens

Constable of Acton



# Proceedings of the Annual Meeting March 25 1907.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Acton held on Monday the twenty fifth day of March 1907. at nine o'clock A. M. the articles in the warrant for said meeting were acted upon in the following manner.

Abram Tuttle Aaron W. Foster  
Lyman C. Taylor J. Linwood Richardson  
appointed ballot clerks and tellers by the Selectmen  
and sworn

Art. 1 Allen Brooks Parker was chosen Moderator  
the following additional tellers were appointed  
by the Moderator and duly sworn.  
Charles E. Smith Augustine Casmer

Art. 2. The following town officers were chosen on one  
ballot:

Town Clerk, Horace F. Tuttle sworn by E. F. Conant, J. P.  
Selectmen, Frank W. Hoyt " J. K. W. Nicholus, J. P.  
Bertram D. Hall.

James B. Tuttle " J. K. W. Nicholus, J. P.  
Assessors.

William F. Stevens sworn by Town Clerk

James B. Tuttle " " "

Harry E. Clough " " E. F. Conant, J. P.

Overscers of the Poor.

William F. Kelley sworn by Town Clerk

Oscarus A. Spruett " " "

J. Sterling Moore

Treasurer, Jona. A. W. Nicholus sworn by E. F. Conant, J. P.

Auditor, Waldo E. Whitcomb

Collector of Taxes, W. F. Stevens sworn by Town Clerk

Constables, Albert S. Bradley sworn by Moderator

James Hinsley sworn by C. B. Stone, J. P.

Moses A. Reed. sworn by Town Clerk

Constables, (cont) W. F. Stevens, sworn by Town Clerk

Field Drivers, Albert S. Bradley sworn by Moderator

James Hinsley

Moses A. Reed sworn by Town Clerk

W. F. Stevens sworn by Town Clerk

Town Viewers Bertram D. Hall.

Frank W. Hoyt

James B. Tuttle sworn by Town Clerk

Road Commissioner Anson C. Piper sworn by Town Clerk

School Committee Arthur F. Blanchard, sworn by Town Clerk

Cemetery Commissioner Horace F. Tuttle

Board of Health, Frank J. Barker.

Trustee Memorial Library Horace F. Tuttle.

Tree Warden Charles J. Williams sworn by Town Clerk

Also on the same ballot the vote on the question  
"Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating  
liquors in this town?" was. Whole no. of ballots cast  
297. Yes. 120. No. 106 Blanks. 71

Polls opened at 9.30 A. M.

Art. 3. Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to appoint  
surveyors of lumber, wood, hoops and staves

Voted, that the salary of the Collector of Taxes  
be one per cent of the amount collected and that he  
perform all the duties hitherto performed by said  
officer

Voted, to fix the salary of the Auditor at six  
dollars.

Voted, that the salary of the Road Commissioner  
be two and one half dollars per day nine hours to  
constitute a day

Art. 4 Voted, to accept the reports of the several  
town officers

Voted, that hereafter all town officers include  
in their reports an itemized statement of  
money expended.

- Art. 5 No action taken under the article
- Art. 6 Voted to raise the sum of fifty dollars.
- Art. 7 Voted, to accept the jury list as revised by the Selectmen
- Art. 8 Voted, to raise five thousand (5000) dollars.  
Voted, that the Road Commissioners be instructed to expend three thousand (3000) dollars in building macadamized road, and the balance of the appropriation for general repairs in such a manner as they shall consider most expedient
- Art. 9 Voted, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the town, if necessary in anticipation of taxes the current year
- Art. 10 Voted, to raise four hundred (400) dollars, for running expenses and two hundred (200) dollars for books.
- Art. 11 Voted to raise for common schools. \$ 4100.  
high school 2300.  
school supplies 625  
transportation of pupils 1360.  
salary of Superintendent 480.  
medical inspection 100.  
\$ 8965.
- Art. 12 Voted to pass over the article
- Art. 13 Voted, to appropriate five hundred (500) dollars.  
Voted, that the Selectmen enforce the liquor laws.
- Art. 14 Voted, to appropriate five hundred (500) dollars.
- Art. 15 Voted, to appropriate three hundred and fifty (350) dollars

- Art. 16 Voted, to authorize the Selectmen to contract with the American Woollen Co for lighting streets for a term of five years, the contract to include one hundred lamps at a cost not exceeding, seventeen hundred dollars per annum.
- Art. 17 Voted, to raise thirty five hundred (3500) dollars.
- Art. 18 Voted, to dismiss the article
- Art. 19 Voted, to appropriate (700) seven hundred dollars.
- Art. 20 Voted, to refer the matter to the Selectmen to report to the town at its annual meeting in 1908
- Art. 21 Voted, to discontinue as a town or public way the piece of road described in the article
- Art. 22 Voted, to authorize the Selectmen to contract for the lighting of the Town Hall and Memorial Library by electricity
- Art. 23 Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to place a memorial stone in the Pilgrim Monument, at Provincetown said stone to be of native granite subject to the approval or acceptance of the Monument Association
- Art. 24 Voted, that the Selectmen enforce the law relative thereto.
- Art. 25 Voted, that the matter be left with the Selectmen and School Committee with power to act



Art. 26 Voted, that the Collector charge interest at the rate of five per cent per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of November next.

Art. 27 Voted, to maintain such street lamps as shall be approved by the Selectmen

Art. 28 Voted to pass over the article

Voted, that whereas the City of Boston is to observe Old Home Week this year.

Resolved, that the committee having in charge the celebration of Old Home Week in Acton in 1905 constitute a delegation to officially represent this town on that occasion

Voted, the following resolution presented by Reuben L. Reed:-

Whereas, at a patriotic meeting in the Flag Room at the State House on Feb 8 1907 on the occasion of the presentation of historical cases to the Gor Curtis Guild and to Col J. Payson Bradley Dept Commander of the Mass. G. A. R., Capt Charles T. Ripley Chief of the Police of the Boston Navy Yard made a valuable contribution to the patriotic record of the town of Acton by the presentation of a poem highly eulogistic of the services of Capt Isaac Davis on the 19th of April 1775. Therefore be it Resolved by the citizens of Acton in town meeting assembled on this the twenty fifth of March 1907 that we put on record our appreciation of Capt Ripley's sentiments contributed on the above mentioned occasion and that they are especially appreciated by us as coming from the pen of one who did signal service on land and sea in the war for the preservation of the Union for the establishment of which Capt Isaac Davis was the first officer to lay down his life. Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Capt Charles T. Ripley as an expression of our appreciation and regard.

Voted to adjourn.  
if time permit, attend  
to business of State Town Hall.

Warrant for the Town Meeting  
held June 4 1907.  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex Greeting:-  
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday the fourth day of June A.D. 1907 at 7.30 o'clock in the evening. Then and there to act on the following articles, as they may think proper viz:

Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Art. 2 To see if the Town will vote to purchase, or take by right of eminent domain, a suitable piece of land and build a high school building thereon or take any action in the matter.

Art. 3 To see if the Town will take any action in regard to the school or school house at South Acton

Art. 4 To see if the Town will vote to accept a steam road roller as presented to the Town by Alvin M. Lothrop or take any action thereon

Art. 5 To see if the Town will discontinue the private way laid out by the Road Commissioners on petition of Mary T. Coughlan and accepted by the Town March 27th 1905

Art. 6 To see what action the Town will take in reference to the suit brought against the town by Mary O. Neil

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting copies, attested by you, in the following places one in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co. W. E. Whitcomb, M. E. Taylor & Co, Tuttle and Newton, Finney & Hoit, J. Cushing & Co and one at the Magog House, seven days at least before time appointed for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands in Acton this twenty-second day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven

Frank W. Hoit } Selectmen  
Bertram D. Hall. } of Acton  
James B. Tuttle }

Middlesex, S.S. May 27 1907

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the several places as within directed, seven days before the said fourth day of June 1907

William F. Stevens.

Constable of Acton

## Proceedings of the Meeting held June 4<sup>th</sup> 1907.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Acton held on the fourth day of June 1907 at 7.30 o'clock P.M. the articles in the warrant for said meeting were acted upon in the following manner, viz:

- Art. 1 Allen B. Parker was chosen Moderator.
- Art. 2. (1) A motion, to strike the article from the warrant did not prevail  
2) A motion, that the town purchase or take by right of eminent domain, a suitable piece of land and build a high school building thereon, the location to be determined by the town, did not prevail
- Art. 3. Voted, to refer the matter to the School Committee with authority to improve the sanitary conditions of the school house at South Acton satisfactory to the State Board.
- 1) Motion to pass over the article did not prevail  
2) Motion, to build on to the South School House sufficient room to accommodate the grammar school. did not prevail  
3) Motion, to remove the High School from the South school house and send its pupils to Concord. did not prevail  
4) Motion, that the School Committee be authorized to send the Junior and Senior classes of the high school to Concord and place the remaining classes of the high school in a room at West Acton, temporarily, without prejudice to any final location of a high school building. This motion did not prevail



5) Motion, to refer the matter to a committee to report to the town some recommendations, at a special meeting to be called two weeks from this day.

6 This motion did not prevail

Voted, to refer the entire matter to the School Committee  
 Art. 4 Voted, unanimously, that the town extend to Alvin M. Lothrop a vote of thanks for the generous gift of a steam road roller and for the interest he has taken in furnishing our citizens with the means of making and keeping in repair roads which the town will be proud of. Also that a copy of this vote be sent to Mr. Lothrop and a record thereof made on the town records.

Art. 5 Voted, That the Town discontinue the private way laid out by the Road Commissioners on petition of Mary T. Coughlin over land of Mary C. Neil and accepted by the town March 27 1905

Art. 6 Voted, that the matter be referred to the Selectmen with full power to act

Meeting dissolved

A true record attest

Horace T. Tuttle.

Town Clerk.

# Warrant for a Special Meeting

June 27<sup>th</sup> 1907.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex Greeting:-

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Acton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in said town on Thursday the twenty-seventh day of June A. D. 1907 at 7-45 in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz

Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Art. 2 To see if the town will vote to purchase or take by right of eminent domain a suitable piece of land and build a high school building thereon or take any action in the matter

Art. 3 To see if the town will vote to appropriate and borrow if needed a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing land and building a High School Building or take any action thereon

Art. 4 To see what action the town will take in regard to paying transportation of high school scholars.

Art. 5 To see if the town will vote to build an addition to either of its school houses for the use of the High School or act anything thereon

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting copies attested by you in the following places, one in each of the Post Offices, and Railroad Stations, one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co, W. E. Whitcomb, M. E. Taylor & Co, Tuttle & Newton, Finney & Hoit, J. Cushing & Co and one at the Stage House seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time of holding said meeting.  
Given under our hands in Acton this eighteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven

Frank W. Hoit } Selectmen  
Bertram D. Hall }  
James B. Tuttle } Acton

Middlesex S.S.

June 19 1907  
I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies of the same at the several places as designated in the warrant

William F. Stevens  
Constable of Acton

## Proceedings of the Meeting held June 27 1907.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Acton held on the twenty seventh day of June 1907, the articles in the warrant for said meeting were acted upon in the following manner, viz

Art. 1 Chose. Allen Brooks. Parker Moderator

Art. 2. The following motion was made by C. M. Kimball; That the town build a high school building not to exceed in cost \$5,000. Complete and that said school building be located on the Ellis Wetherbee lot on Prospect St. South Acton. On motion of W. H. Stingsley it was voted that the motion of Mr. Kimball be divided, action to be taken first on the question of building, second on the question of location.

Voted, the following amendment made by F. C. Nash, provided the building so voted shall be located in town meeting and in no other way. The following persons were appointed and sworn as tellers by the Moderator, L. C. Taylor, E. A. Phelan, H. J. Cole, Frank Merriam, Arthur Whitcomb, and Hobart E. Mead.

On the question of the first part of Mr. Kimball's motion as amended by Mr. Nash

142 voted in favor. 134 against.

The motion as passed reading as follows. Voted, that the town build a high school building not to exceed in cost \$5,000. Complete provided the building so voted shall be located by the town in town meeting and in no other way.



Art. 2. Voted, on motion of L. E. Reed, offered as a  
(Continued) Substitute for the second part of Mr. Kimball's  
motion, that said school house be located at  
or near Acton Center  
185 voted in favor. 92 voted against  
A viva voce vote was taken on the passage of  
the original motion as amended and it passed.  
The motion as passed reading; Voted, that the  
town build a high school building not to exceed  
in cost \$15,000. Complete; provided the building  
so voted shall be located by the town in  
town meeting and in no other way, and that  
said school building be located at or near  
Acton Center.

Voted on motion of Luther Conant. that the town choose  
a building committee of six persons, two from  
each precinct, to which shall be added the  
Chairman of the Board of School Committee  
the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and  
the Town Clerk, the last three ex officio.

Voted, that said Committee be nominated by the  
Moderator and Town Clerk. their nominations  
to be approved by the meeting.

The following persons were nominated and  
approved by the meeting as members of the  
Building Committee

|                  |                   |            |
|------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Edwin A. Phalen, | J. Sidney White.  | Precinct 1 |
| C. M. Kimball    | William Rawitzer  | " 2        |
| Edgar H. Hall    | William F. Melley | " 3        |

Mr. C. M. Kimball declined and was excused.  
Voted, on motion of Luther Conant. that the Building  
Committee be empowered to fill vacancies

Art. 3 Voted, on motion of Luther Conant, that the  
Selectmen be authorized to borrow a sum of  
money not exceeding Ten thousand (\$10,000)

dollars.

114. Voted in favor. 112 voted against

Voted to adjourn.

No action taken under Art. 4. and 5.

A true record, attest

Horace F. Tuttle. Town Clerk.

### Warrant for a Special Meeting August 8, 1907.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex s.s. To wit of the Constables of the  
Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex Greeting;  
You are hereby required in the name of the Common-  
wealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the  
inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote  
in elections and town affairs to assemble in  
the Town Hall in said Town on Thursday the  
eighth day of August A.D. 1907 at 7-45  
in the evening. Then and there to act on the  
following articles as they may think proper, viz:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Art. 2 To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen  
to borrow money for a new high school building  
not to exceed \$15,000. or act anything thereon

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to pay the cost  
of transportation of the High School Pupils  
or act anything thereon

Art. 4 To see if the town will rescind its vote or votes  
passed at its last meeting whereby it voted  
to build a High School House for the High  
School and locate it at or near Acton Center  
or act anything thereon

Art. 5 To see if the town will vote to purchase or take by right of eminent domain a suitable piece of land and build a High School Building thereon or take any action in the matter

Art. 6 To determine whether or not the town will sustain the action of the School Committee in contracting with the Town of Concord for the tuition of Acton High School Pupils during the school year 1907-1908 under the powers delegated to said committee by the town acting under Art. 3 of the warrant for a town meeting dated May 22 1907 or act anything thereon

Art. 7 To see if the town will vote to build an addition to either of its school houses for the use of its High School or act anything thereon

And you are hereby <sup>directed</sup> requested to serve this warrant by posting copies attested by you in the following places one in each of the Post Office and Railroad Stations, one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co, W. E. Whitcomb, E. C. Parker & Co, M. E. Taylor & Co, Tuttle & Newton, Finney & Hoyt, J. Cushing & Co, Smith Acton Coal & Lumber Co. and one at the Stage House seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting. You are to make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time of holding said meeting. Given under our hands in Acton this twenty ninth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven

Frank W. Hoyt Selectmen  
Bertram D. Hall of Acton  
James B. Tuttle

Middlebury S. S.

August 1 1907

This is to certify that attested copies of the within warrant have been posted in the several places as designated in the warrant seven days before the time appointed for holding said meeting

Wm F. Stevens

Constable of Acton

## Proceedings of the Meeting held Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 1907.

At a special meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Acton held August 8<sup>th</sup> 1907 the articles in the warrant for said meeting were acted upon in the following manner.

rigs -

Art. 1. Allen Brooks Parker was chosen Moderator

Art. 2. A motion that the Selectmen be instructed to borrow a sum of money not exceeding \$10,000. to build a high school building did not prevail  
68 voted in favor 96. against

Art. 3 Voted; to dismiss the article

Art. 4 Voted, to lay on the table

Art. 5. Passed over.

Art. 6. The following persons were appointed and sworn as tellers by the Moderator  
Lyman C. Taylor, E. A. Phalen, St. J. Cole,  
Frank Merriam, Arthur Whitcomb and Holart E. Mead.

A motion made by S. A. Guilford that the town sustain the action of the school committee, stated in the article, did not prevail

83 voted in favor. 95 against

An Amendment made by F. C. Nash that the school committee be sustained so far as they can reasonably and lawfully be sustained and sustained in sending the third and fourth year classes of the high school to Concord did not prevail 95 in favor. 115 against



Art. 6. Voted, on motion of Luther Coxcomb that the  
Continued Selectmen be instructed to procure able counsel  
to defend the town in any suit or suits that  
may be brought against it.

Voted, on motion of C. B. Stone that the  
School Committee be added to the Selectmen  
they together to constitute a committee to  
defend the town in any suit or suits brought  
against it.

Art. 7. Voted, to pass over the article

Voted to adjourn;

A true record, attest:

Horace H. Tuttle, Town Clerk

# Warrant for State Election 1907 Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables in the Town of Acton in  
said County, Greeting;

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts to notify the inhabitants of the Town  
of Acton and particularly the legal voters thereof  
to meet at the Polling Places in the several Precincts  
to which they respectively belong on Tuesday the  
fifth day of November, 1907 at 11.45 o'clock A.M.  
Then and there to bring in their votes on one ballot for  
Governor, Lieut-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor  
Attorney General, Councillor, Senator, Representative  
in the General Court, County Commissioner, Associate  
Commissioners, District Attorney, Sheriff and

Amendment to the Constitution

The Polling Places in the several Precincts will  
be as follows:

In Precinct One, In the Town Hall.

Precinct Two, In the Vestry of the Universalist  
Church South Acton

Precinct Three, In the Fire House West Acton

The polls will be opened at 11.45 A.M. and may  
be closed at 3.45 P.M. and you are directed to  
serve this warrant by posting copies thereof, attested  
by you, one in each of the Post Offices and Railroad  
Stations, one in the office of J. Cushing & Co, one at the  
Vagabond House, one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead  
& Co, M. E. Taylor & Co, Tuttle & Newton, Finney & White,  
and Waldo E. Whitcomb seven days at least before  
the time appointed for holding said meetings

Hereof fail not and make due return with your  
doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time  
for holding said meetings Given under our hands  
in Acton this twenty fifth day of October in the

one thousand nine hundred and seven

Frank W. Hoyt Selectmen  
Bertram S. Hall. p. Acton  
James B. Tuttle

Middlesex S.S.

Attested copies of the within warrant have been  
posted as directed by the Selectmen seven days  
before the time for holding said meetings

William F. Sterens  
Acton Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 1907. Constable of Acton

### Proceedings of Meetings

Held November 5<sup>th</sup> 1907 in accordance  
with the preceding warrant in  
Precincts, One, Two, and Three in the  
Town of Acton.

The following is a record of the names of all  
persons voted for, the number of votes received for  
each person, the title of the office for which he was  
proposed, and the number of blank ballots received  
for each office.

| Governor.                       | Precinct<br>One. | Precinct<br>Two. | Precinct<br>Three. | Total |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Charles W. Bartlett Anti-Monger | Two.             | Two              | None               | 4     |
| Thomas F. Brennan Soc. L.       | None             | None             | None               | 0     |
| John W. Brown S.                | None             | None             | None               | 0     |
| Hervey S. Cowell Pro.           | None             | Two.             | Three              | 5     |
| Curtis Guild Jr. Rep.           | Fifty four       | Sixty one        | Seventy six        | 191   |
| Thomas L. Higgin I. L.          | One.             | Thirteen         | Five               | 19    |
| Henry M. Whitney Dem.           | Twenty two       | Sixteen          | Seventeen          | 55    |
| Henry M. Whitney I. L.          | One              | None             | One                | 2     |
| Henry M. Whitney Non-P.         | One              | None             | One                | 2     |
| Blanks.                         | Two              | Two              | Three              | 7     |
| Lieut Governor                  |                  |                  |                    |       |
| E. Jerry Brown I. L.            | Three            | Fourteen         | Six                | 23    |
| John T. Cahill A. M.            | Two.             | None             | None               | 2     |
| Eben S. Draper Rep.             | Forty eight      | Fifty seven      | Sixty nine         | 174   |

| Lieut Governor (Continued)        | Precinct<br>One. | Precinct<br>Two. | Precinct<br>Three. | Total |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Walter J. Hoar S. L.              | None             | None             | One                | 1     |
| Robert Lawrence S.                | None             | None             | None               | 0     |
| Jonathan S. Lewis Pro. D. C. & M. | None             | Two.             | Two.               | 4     |
| George A. Schofield Dem.          | Twenty           | Sixteen          | Twenty one         | 57    |
| Blanks.                           | Ten              | Seven            | Seven              | 24    |
| Secretary                         |                  |                  |                    |       |
| Solom W. Bingham Pro. D. C. & M.  | None             | One              | Two.               | 3     |
| Edison J. E. Charast Dem          | Eighteen         | Fourteen         | Fifteen            | 47    |
| John Hall, Jr. S.                 | None             | None             | One                | 1     |
| William M. Olm Rep                | Fifty four       | Sixty eight      | Seventy five       | 197   |
| Arthur E. Ruimer S. L.            | None             | None             | None               | 0     |
| Dennis J. Ring I. L.              | One              | Five             | Four               | 10    |
| Blanks.                           | Ten              | Eight            | Nine               | 27    |
| Treasurer                         |                  |                  |                    |       |
| Albert. Barnes S. L.              | None.            | One.             | None               | 1     |
| Eduard J. Cantwell I. L.          | Two.             | Seven            | Two                | 11    |
| Arthur B. Chapin Rep              | Fifty one        | Sixty six        | Seventy three      | 190   |
| William P. Connery A. M.          | One.             | None             | None               | 1     |
| Daniel F. Doherty Dem             | Sixteen          | Twelve           | Sixteen            | 44    |
| Charles C. Hitchcock Soc.         | None             | None.            | None               | 0     |
| Edward Kendall Pro.               | None             | One              | Three              | 4     |
| Blanks.                           | Thirteen         | Nine             | Twelve             | 34    |
| Auditor                           |                  |                  |                    |       |
| Joao. Claudino S. L.              | One.             | None             | None               | 1     |
| Joseph A. Conry D. C. & M. Dem.   | Thirteen         | Twelve           | Thirteen           | 44    |
| Thomas C. Finnerty I. L.          | One.             | Eight            | Three              | 12    |
| George J. Hall Soc.               | None.            | One              | One                | 2     |
| James F. Pease Pro                | None             | None             | Three              | 3     |
| Henry E. Turner Rep               | Fifty two        | Sixty seven      | Seventy            | 189   |
| Blanks.                           | Ten              | Eight            | Sixteen            | 34    |
| Attorney General                  |                  |                  |                    |       |
| Allen Coffin Pro                  | One              | None             | Three              | 4     |
| Dana. Malone Rep                  | Fifty two        | Sixty three      | Seventy three      | 188   |
| John. Mc Carthy Soc               | None             | None             | None               | 0     |
| James E. McConnell Dem            | Twenty One       | Thirteen         | Fifteen            | 49    |



| Attorney General<br>(continued)  |       | Precinct<br>One | Precinct<br>Two | Precinct<br>Three | Total |
|----------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------|
| William N. Osgood                | I. L. | One             | Ten             | Two               | 13    |
| Harvey H. Pratt                  | A. M. | None            | One             | One               | 2     |
| Gilbert G. Smith                 | I. L. | None            | None            | None              | 0     |
| Blanks.                          |       | Eight           | Nine            | Twelve            | 29    |
| Councillor                       |       |                 |                 |                   |       |
| Alvin S. Bennett                 | Dem   | Twenty one      | Seventeen       | Nineteen          | 57    |
| Edward W. Jones                  | Rep   | Fifty           | Sixty four      | Seventy three     | 187   |
| William H. Partridge             | Pro.  | None            | Three           | Two               | 5     |
| Blanks.                          |       | Twelve          | Twelve          | Twelve            | 36    |
| Senator                          |       |                 |                 |                   |       |
| William F. Curtin                | Dem   | Twenty three    | Eighteen        | Nineteen          | 60    |
| James Wilson Grimes              | Rep   | Forty seven     | Sixty three     | Seventy two       | 182   |
| Blanks.                          |       | Thirteen        | Fifteen         | Fifteen           | 43    |
| Representative in General Court. |       |                 |                 |                   |       |
| James P. Dunningan               | Dem   | Twenty five     | Twenty five     | Thirty three      | 83    |
| Edwin C. Perham                  | Rep.  | Fifty           | Sixty three     | Sixty two         | 175   |
| Blanks.                          |       | Eight           | Eight           | Eleven            | 27    |
| County Commissioner              |       |                 |                 |                   |       |
| Francis Bigelow                  | Rep   | Fifty three     | Sixty six       | Seventy           | 189   |
| George A. De Lord.               | Dem   | Seventeen       | Thirteen        | Sixteen           | 46    |
| Austin B. Robbins                | Pro.  | Two.            | Three           | Four              | 9     |
| George W. C. Smith               | I. L. | Two.            | Six             | One               | 9     |
| Charles E. Wood.                 |       | None            | None.           | Two               | 2     |
| Blanks.                          |       | None            | Eight           | Thirteen          | 31    |
| Associate Commissioners          |       |                 |                 |                   |       |
| James H. Christie                | I. L. | Six             | Eleven          | Three.            | 20    |
| George B. Glidden                | I. L. | Eight           | Six             | Four              | 18    |
| Matthew H. Quick                 | Pro   | None            | None            | One               | 1     |
| David T. Strange                 | Rep   | Forty six       | Forty nine      | Fifty seven       | 152   |
| Edward E. Smith Thompson         | Rep.  | Thirty six      | Forty four      | Thirty seven      | 117   |
| Charles A. Ward                  | Pro   | One             | Four            | One               | 6     |
| Fred. W. Green                   |       | None            | None            | Fourteen          | 14    |
| Blanks.                          |       | Sixty nine      | Seventy eight   | Ninety five       | 242   |

| District Attorney  |      |             |               |               |     |
|--|------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-----|
| John J. Higgins  | Rep. | Fifty four  | Seventy two   | Seventy two   | 198 |
| John J. M. Chure Jr.   | Dem  | Nineteen    | Thirteen      | Fifteen       | 47  |
| Blanks.  |      | Ten         | Eleven        | Nineteen      | 40  |
| Sheriff  |      |             |               |               |     |
| John R. Fairbairn  | Rep  | Fifty three | Seventy three | Seventy three | 203 |
| Albion A. Weeks  | Pro  | None        | One           | Two           | 3   |
| George W. Wickins  | Dem. | Twenty      | Twelve        | Eighteen      | 50  |
| Blanks.  |      | Ten.        | Ten           | Nine          | 29  |
| Shall the proposed amendments to the Constitution authorizing the Governor with the consent of the Council, to remove Justices of the Peace and Justices of Public be affirmed and ratified? |      |             |               |               |     |
| Yes.   |      | Forty one   | Forty six     | Forty two     | 129 |
| No.  |      | None        | Seven         | Eight         | 15  |
| Blanks.  |      | Forty two   | Forty three   | Fifty six     | 141 |
| Ballots too registered at opening of polls 81  |      |             |               |               |     |
| at close of polls 81   |      |             |               |               |     |
| Whole number of votes checked 83   |      |             |               |               |     |
| " " " Ballots cast 83  |      |             |               |               |     |

Horace F. Tuttle Clerk of Precinct 1, Abram Tuttle Clerk of Precinct 2,  
Wm F. Kelly Clerk of Precinct 3. A true record. Attest

Horace F. Tuttle, Town Clerk.

Vote for Representative in 11th Middlesex District

November 5, 1907

|                        | Adams | Agar | Carlisle | Chelmsford | Grafton | Westford | Total |
|------------------------|-------|------|----------|------------|---------|----------|-------|
| James P. Dunningan Dem | 83    | 125  | 34       | 297        | 47      | 101      | 687   |
| of Chelmsford          |       |      |          |            |         |          |       |
| Edwin C. Perham Rep    | 175   | 171  | 35       | 260        | 89      | 183      | 913   |
| of Chelmsford          |       |      |          |            |         |          |       |
| Blanks.                | 27    | 41   | 11       | 26         | 9       | 27       | 130   |
|                        | 285   | 337  | 69       | 583        | 145     | 311      | 1730  |

Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk of Acton Edward J. Robbins T. C. of Chelmsford  
Arthur Penner " " " Agar Charles T. Johnson " " Littleton  
Daniel L. Chamberlain " " Carlisle Edward Fisher " " Westford

# Warrant for Annual Meeting

March 30. 1908

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton,  
in the County of Middlesex, Greeting:—

You are hereby required in the name of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and to warn  
the inhabitants of the Town of Acton, qualified to vote  
in elections and town affairs, to assemble in the  
Town Hall, in said Town on Monday the thirtieth day  
of March, A. D. 1908, at nine o'clock in the forenoon  
then and there to act on the following articles, as they may  
think proper, viz:—

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To bring in their votes on one Ballot for the following  
Town officers: Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three  
Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer,  
Collector of Taxes, Auditor, Tree Warden, four Constables  
four Field Drivers, three Fence Viewers, all for one year  
one Road Commissioner, one Trustee of Memorial Library,  
one Member of School Committee, one Member of Board  
of Health, one Cemetery Commissioner all for three years.  
Also on the same Ballot with the above named Town  
Officers, to vote upon the following question: "Shall  
licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in  
the Town?" The polls will be opened at 9.30 A. M.  
and may be closed at 4 o'clock P. M.
- Art. 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers not  
named in Art. 2, and fix salaries.
- Art. 4. To see if the Town will accept the reports of the  
Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee,  
Library Trustees, and other town officers.
- Art. 5. To hear and act upon the report of any Committee  
chosen to report at this meeting.

- Art. 6. To see what amount of money the Town will raise  
for due observance of Memorial Day.
- Art. 7. To see if the Town will accept the jury list as  
revised by the Selectmen.
- Art. 8. To see what amount of money the Town will raise  
for the repairing and building of Roads and Bridges  
or act anything thereon.
- Art. 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with  
the approval of its Selectmen, to borrow money for the  
town if necessary in anticipation of taxes the current year.
- Art. 10. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for  
support of Memorial Library the present year.
- Art. 12. To see what amount of money the Town will raise  
for school supplies.
- Art. 11. To see what amount of money the Town will raise  
for the support of schools the present year.
- Art. 13. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money  
for the enforcement of the Liquor Laws, or act anything  
thereon.
- Art. 14. To see what amount of money the Town will  
appropriate for the care of Cemeteries or act anything  
thereon.
- Art. 15. To see what amount of money the Town will raise  
for maintenance of Fire Department or act thereon.
- Art. 16. To see if the Town will raise a sum of money for the  
purpose of widening Acton Street, South Acton, as  
laid out by the County Commissioners or act anything  
thereon.



- Art. 17 To see what action the Town will take in regard to the extermination of the brown tail and gypsy moth
- Art. 18 To see if the town will vote to rebuild the road leading from the D. Kennessey place to the new state road or act anything thereon.
- Art. 19 To see what amount of money the town will raise for town charges.
- Art. 20 To see what action the town will take in regard to the collection of taxes
- Art. 21 To see what action the town will take in regard to street lamps the present year.
- Art. 22 To see if the town will vote to build a suitable building for the purpose of storing the steam roller and other road machinery
- Art. 23 To see what action the Town will take respecting the maintaining of a High School and the transportation of High School scholars.
- Art. 24 To see what action the Town will take in regard to building a High School building or the building of an addition to either of its present buildings
- Art. 25 To see what action the Town will take in regard to furnishing water for the watering trough at West Acton
- And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting copies attested by you, in the following places; One in each of the Post Office and Railroad Stations, one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead and Co., W. E. Whitcomb, E. C. Parker & Co. M. E. Taylor & Co., Tuttle & Newton, Finney & Hoyt, J. Cushing & Co. and one at the Nagog House at least seven days before the time appointed for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or the Town Clerk on or before the time for holding said meeting. Given under our hands in Acton this eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight
- Frank W. Hoyt Selectmen  
Bertram D. Hall of Acton  
James B. Tuttle

Middlesex. S.S. March 21st. 1908

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at each of the Post Office and Railroad Stations in the town, the store of Tuttle & Newton, C. H. Mead & Co., M. E. Taylor & Co. W. E. Whitcomb, Finney & Hoyt, E. C. Parker & Co. J. Cushing & Co., and Nagog House seven days before the said thirtieth day of March 1908 as within directed

William F. Stevens  
Constable of Acton

### Proceedings of the Annual Meeting March 30. 1908

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Acton held on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 1908. at nine o'clock A. M. the articles in the warrant for said meeting were acted upon in the following manner:

Lyman C. Taylor Lyman Tuttle, Abram Tuttle, and Ernest R. Teale were sworn as Election Officers by the Town Clerk.

Polls were opened at 9. 30. A. M.

Art. 1. Allen Brooks Parker was chosen Moderator  
Arthur H. Gould, Wm. J. Merriam, Edwin A. Phalen and Hobart E. Mead were appointed and sworn as tellers by the Moderator.

Art. 2. Polls were opened at 9. 30. A. M. and closed at 4. 30. P. M. Balls for registered voters at opening of the polls. at close of the polls.  
Total number of ballots cast three hundred eighty three  
Total number of names checked on voting list

(male votes) three hundred and eighty three.  
(from etc. 57)  
The following is a true record of the names of all persons voted for, the number of votes received for each person, the title of the office for which he was proposed, and the number of blank ballots received for each office

Town Clerk.  
 sworn by Mod. Horace F. Tuttle two hundred and forty four votes 244.  
 Blanks. one hundred and thirty eight 138.

Selectmen.  
 sworn by Mod. James B. Tuttle Two hundred and ninety nine votes 299  
 sworn by Mod. Graph Merriam Two hundred and eighty " 280  
 sworn by Mod. Bertram D Hall. Two hundred and ninety eight " 298  
 Blanks. 290  
 Frank W. Hoyt one vote 1  
 Daniel Tuttle one vote 1  
 William F. Kelley one vote 1

Assessors.  
 sworn by Mod. W. F. Stevens for 3 yrs. Three hundred and fifteen votes 315  
 sworn by Mod. W. F. Kelley for 2 yrs. Two hundred eight " 308  
 sworn by Mod. James B. Tuttle for 1 yr. Three hundred. ten " 310.  
 Blanks. 203

Overseers of the Poor  
 sworn by Mod. C. A. Hamilton Three hundred two votes 302  
 sworn by Mod. J. Sterling Moore Three hundred & twenty one " 321  
 sworn by Mod. William F. Kelley Three hundred & twelve " 312  
 Blanks. 217

Treasurer.  
 sworn by E. F. Bonant Jr. Jona. H. W. Wetherbee Three hundred & twenty five votes 325.  
 Blanks. 57.

Auditor  
 sworn by R. L. Waldo. E. Whitcomb Three hundred & fourteen votes 314  
 Blanks. 68

Collector of Taxes.  
 sworn by Mod. William F. Stevens Three hundred & twenty three votes 323  
 Blanks. 59

Constables  
 sworn by Mod. Albert S. Bradley Three hundred & seventeen votes 317  
 sworn by Mod. James Hensley Two hundred & eighty three " 283  
 sworn by Mod. Moses A. Reed Three hundred & four " 304  
 sworn by Mod. William F. Stevens Three hundred & one " 301.

## Constables (continued)

James Grimes one vote 1  
 W. S. Kelley one " 1  
 Blanks. 331

## Field Drivers.

sworn by Mod. Albert S. Bradley Two hundred ninety eight votes 298  
 sworn by Mod. James Hensley Two hundred & eighty six votes 286.  
 sworn by Mod. Moses A. Reed Two hundred & eighty two " 282  
 sworn by Mod. William F. Stevens Two hundred & eighty nine " 289  
 Blanks. 409

## Jury Viewers.

sworn by Mod. Bertram D Hall Two hundred seventy eight votes 278  
 sworn by Mod. Graph Merriam Two hundred fifty three " 253  
 sworn by Mod. James B. Tuttle Two hundred & eighty three " 283  
 Blanks. 324

E. F. Bonant one vote

E. J. Miller one "

Daniel Tuttle one "

## Road Commissioner

sworn by T. Clark William H. Kingsley Two hundred & ninety seven 297  
 Blanks. 85.

## School Committee

sworn by T. Clark Charles J. Miller one hundred & fifty nine votes 159  
 Charles J. Williams Two hundred & fifty two " 252.  
 Blanks (not counted)

## Cemetery Commissioner

Herbert T. Clark Two hundred & seventy one votes 271  
 Blanks. 111

## Board of Health

Charles J. Williams Two hundred & sixty three votes 263  
 Blanks. 119

## Trustee of Memorial Library

Charles J. Williams Two hundred & fifty votes 250  
 Blanks. 132

## Tree Warden

sworn by Mod. William F. Stevens Two hundred seventy two votes 272  
 Blanks. 108



"Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Yes, one hundred and eighty six votes 186

No, one hundred and eighty two votes 182

Blanks. fifteen 15

Total number of female votes checked fifty seven 57.

Art. 3. Voted, that the Selectmen appoint surveyors of lumber, wood, herbs and staves.

Voted, that the salary of the Collector of Taxes be one per cent of the amount collected and that he perform all the duties hitherto performed by said officer

Voted, To fix the salary of the Auditor at six dollars

Voted, That the salary of the Road Commissioners be two and one half dollars per day nine hours to constitute a day

Art. 4. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Road Commissioners, Cemetery Commrs Trustees of Memorial Library

Voted, to accept the report of the school committee as printed excepting therefrom the following paragraphs.

(1) Page 114 Town report, "doubtless such an arrangement would be entirely satisfactory to the State Board of Education and would receive its cordial approval. Both from an educational and legal standpoint"

(2) "When the State Board is not engaged in the serious labor of collecting statistics it not infrequently occupies itself in doing or attempting to do an injury to the public schools"

Art. 5 The Selectmen made a verbal report on the matter of accepting the provisions of law relating to sidewalks Voted, to accept the report.

Art. 6 Voted to appropriate fifty (50) dollars.

Art. 7. Voted to accept the jury list as revised by the Selectmen

Art. 8. Voted, To raise Five thousand (5000) dollars.

Art. 9 Voted, to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of its Selectmen, to borrow money for the town, if necessary in anticipation of taxes the current year

Art. 10. Voted, to raise Four hundred dollars for current expenses, and Two hundred dollars for books.

Art. 11. Voted, to raise for common schools. 4750.

Art. 12 school supplies 625.

transportation of pupil 1360.

salary of Sup't 480.

medical inspection 100.

high school 4200.

Art. 13 Voted, that the Selectmen, F. C. Nash, Edgar W. Hall and O. A. Henshott constitute a committee to enforce the liquor laws.

Voted, that  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the amount paid to the town for liquor licenses be appropriated for the enforcement of the liquor laws, that not more than five hundred dollars be expended the current year the balance to remain in the treasury as a fund for future use.

Art. 14 Voted, to appropriate five hundred dollars.

Art. 15 Voted, to raise Three hundred and fifty dollars

Art. 16. Voted, to raise Sixteen hundred dollars and to leave the matter of building with the Road Commissioners

Art. 17 Voted, to raise Seven hundred dollars.

Art. 18 Voted, to dismiss the article

Art. 19 Voted, to raise Three thousand dollars.

Art. 20. Voted: That the Collector charge interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of November next.

Art. 21 Voted: To raise One thousand dollars to maintain street lamps to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Voted: that the town consider the agreement made between it and the American Worlen Co. relating to street lighting, terminated by reason of the failure of said American Worlen Company to accept the proposition.

Voted: That the Selectmen notify the American Worlen Company of this action.

Art. 22 Voted: To raise and appropriate Three hundred dollars to erect a building in which to keep the steam roller and other road machinery.

Art. 23 Voted: To raise and appropriate ten thousand \$10,000. + 24 dollars to build a high school building.

Voted: That the Assessors be instructed not to assess a tax exceeding fourteen dollars per thousand the current year.

Art. 25 Voted: That the Selectmen be instructed to secure if possible a supply of good water for the watering trough at West Acton.

Voted to adjourn

A. true record attest

Horace F. Tuttle.

Town Clerk.

# Warrant for the State Election

November 3 1908

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex S.S.

To each of the Constables of the Town of Acton, in the County of Middlesex Greeting; - you are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton and particularly the legal voters thereof, to meet at the polling places in the several precincts to which they respectively belong on Tuesday the third day of November 1908 at seven o'clock A. M. then and there to bring in their votes on one ballot for Electors of President and Vice President, Governor, Lieut Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Representative in Congress, Councillor, Senator, One Representative in General Court, County Commissioner, Register of Probate and Insolvency, also One County Commissioner to fill the vacancy in the unexpired term ending the first Wednesday of January 1911, and One Associate Commissioner for the same term. The Polling Places in the several precincts will be as follows; -

Precinct One; in the Town Hall.

Precinct Two; in the Vestry of the Universalist Church South Acton

Precinct Three, in the Fire House West Acton

The polls will be opened at 7-15 o'clock A. M. and may be closed at 3-45 o'clock P. M. And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting copies attested by you in the following places.

One in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations, One in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co. W. E. Whitcomb, E. C. Parker & Co, M. E. Taylor & Co. Tuttle & Newton, Finney & Hunt, Cushing & Co and one at the Mayor's House, at least seven days.



## Warrant (continued)

before the time appointed for holding said meeting  
Hereof fail not and make due return of this  
warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen  
or the Town Clerk on or before the time for holding  
said meeting Given under our hands in Acton  
this twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord  
one thousand nine hundred and eight

James B. Tuttle Selectmen

Bertram D. Hall.

Asaph Merriam Acton

Acton S. S. Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 1908

I have served the within warrant by posting  
up attested copies of the same at the several places  
as directed in said warrant seven days before the  
said third day of November 1908

William F. Stevens

Constable of Acton

## Proceedings of Meetings

Held, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 1908 in accordance with  
the preceding warrant in Precincts 1, 2, and 3,  
in the Town of Acton.

The following is a record of the names of all persons  
voted for. The number of votes received for each  
person, the title of the office for which he was proposed  
and the number of blank ballots received for each office

## Electors of President and Vice President

|                           | Precinct 1. | Precinct 2. | Precinct 3. | Total |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| Bryan and Stern.          |             |             |             |       |
| At-Large { Richard Olney  | Seventeen   | thirty one  | twenty nine | 77    |
| James E. Catter           | "           | "           | "           | "     |
| Dist No 1 Luke J. Minahan | "           | "           | "           | "     |
| 2 Theobald M. Connor      | "           | "           | "           | "     |
| 3 John O. Gora            | "           | "           | "           | "     |
| 4 Charles A. Babbitt      | "           | "           | "           | "     |
| 5 Humphrey O'Sullivan     | "           | "           | "           | "     |
| 6 William Stimpford       | "           | "           | "           | "     |
| 7 Dennis H. Tyrrell       | "           | "           | "           | "     |
| 8 Warren T. Morse         | "           | "           | "           | "     |
| 9 William F. McEllan      | "           | "           | "           | "     |
| 10 William T. Shea        | "           | "           | "           | "     |
| 11 Josiah Quincy          | "           | "           | "           | "     |
| 12 Jeremiah J. Combs      | "           | "           | "           | "     |
| 13 John W. Coughlin       | "           | "           | "           | "     |
| 14 Charles C. Paine       | "           | "           | "           | "     |

## Chapin &amp; Watkins

|                                |       |       |     |   |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-----|---|
| At-Large Harvey S. Corwell     | None. | None. | two | 2 |
| John M. Fisher                 | "     | "     | "   | " |
| Dist No 1 William M. Purington | "     | "     | "   | " |
| 2 Oliver W. Cobb               | "     | "     | "   | " |
| 3 Christen Petersen            | "     | "     | "   | " |
| 4 Quincy Adams                 | "     | "     | "   | " |
| 5 John C. Lewis Jr             | "     | "     | "   | " |
| 6 Robert M. Martin             | "     | "     | "   | " |

| Chapin & Watkins (Continued)         |            |            |            |       |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
|                                      | Precinct 1 | Precinct 2 | Precinct 3 | Total |
| Dist 7 Jonathan S. Lewis             | None       | None       | Two        | 2     |
| 8 Alfred A. Wright                   | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 9 Charles E. Estor                   | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 10 Moses D. Munroe                   | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 11 Selon W. Bingham                  | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 12 Stephen B. Johnson                | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 13 David Morrison                    | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 14 Herbert L. Chapman                | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| Debs. and Sanford. Socialist         |            |            |            |       |
| At Large Patrick Mahoney             | Two        | One        | None       | 3     |
| Eliot White                          | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| District 1 Henry O. Brigham          | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 2 Mrs. E. Fenton                     | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 3 James Cronin                       | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 4 Timothy Richardson                 | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 5 William E. Sproule                 | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 6 John Quincy Adams                  | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 7 Ambrose Miles                      | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 8 Clayton S. Hunt                    | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 9 Samuel Gorn                        | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 10 A. Hale Kingsley                  | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 11 George W. Gabriel                 | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 12 Michael J. Mone                   | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 13 William Chesebrough               | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 14 George A. Budem                   | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| Gillhaus and Munro. Socialist labor. |            |            |            |       |
| At Large Thomas F. Brennan           | None       | None       | None       | 0     |
| Herman Hopke                         | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| District 1 Henry Hoffke              | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 2 Frederick A. Nagler                | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 3 Gustav S. Peterson                 | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 4 James Hayes                        | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 5 Gilbert G. Smith                   | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 6 Jeremiah P. McNally                | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 7 Michael J. Quirk                   | "          | "          | "          | "     |

|  | Precinct 1      | Precinct 2       | Precinct 3              | Total |
|--|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| Dist 8 Andrew Mortensen                | None            | None             | None                    | "     |
| 9 Joseph C. Dunnack                    | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 10 Andrew L. Wallin                    | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 11 Patrick Mulligan                    | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 12 Carl F. Fredrikson                  | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 13 Dennis McGoff                       | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 14 Charles H. Tobin                    | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| Hisgen and Lyons. Independence League. |                 |                  |                         |       |
| At Large Michael C. O'Neill            | One             | Four             | Four                    | 9     |
| William F. Aiken                       | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| Dist 1 Simon J. Griffin                | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 2 Charles F. Warner                    | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 3 William Brosie                       | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 4 William A. Purson                    | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 5 Michael A. Lee                       | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 6 Roland D. Sawyer                     | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 7 George W. Casavant                   | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 8 Greenville S. McFarland              | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 9 James P. Hayes                       | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 10 Charles O. Power                    | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 11 John A. Coulthrust                  | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 12 Eugene L. Murphy                    | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 13 Matthew Hart                        | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 14 Herbert E. Bryant                   | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| Taft and Sherman. Republican           |                 |                  |                         |       |
| At Large John L. Bates                 | (76) Twenty six | (95) Twenty five | (103) One hundred three | 274   |
| August H. Gosting                      | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| Dist 1 Charles S. Shattuck             | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 2 Almond Smith                         | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 3 Frank Hartley                        | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 4 Allan G. Badrick                     | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 5 James R. Berwick                     | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 6 Moses G. Haskell                     | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 7 Charles W. Barney                    | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 8 John Read                            | "               | "                | "                       | "     |
| 9 Jerome A. Petrie                     | "               | "                | "                       | "     |



| District 10                  | Precinct 1.   | Precinct 2.  | Precinct 3.       | Total |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|-------|
| Milton C Paige               | Seventy six   | Ninety five  | One hundred three | 274   |
| 11 James A Thompson          | "             | "            | "                 | "     |
| 12 Jesse S Wiley             | "             | "            | "                 | "     |
| 13 Benjamin H Anthony        | "             | "            | "                 | "     |
| 14 Alfred B Williams         | "             | "            | "                 | "     |
| Blanks.                      | eight         | nine         | three             | 20    |
| Governor                     |               |              |                   |       |
| James F. Carey S.            | One.          | Two          | None              | 3     |
| Eben S. Draper R.            | Seventy six   | Eighty five  | Eighty seven      | 248   |
| Walter J. Hoar S. L.         | None          | Two          | None              | 2     |
| William N. Osgood S. L.      | Two           | Eight        | Four              | 14    |
| James H. Vahry D.            | Eighteen      | Thirty one   | Thirty three      | 82    |
| Willard O. Hyle P.           | None          | Two          | Three             | 5     |
| Blanks.                      | Seven         | Ten          | Fourteen          | 31    |
| Lieut Governor.              |               |              |                   |       |
| Charles J. Barton D.         | Eighteen      | Twenty two   | Twenty seven      | 67    |
| Joao Claudino S. L.          | One           | None         | None              | 1     |
| Louis A. Frothingham S.      | Seventy six   | Ninety three | Ninety four       | 263   |
| John Hall Jr S               | one           | None         | None              | 1     |
| Robert J. McCartney S. L.    | one           | Seven        | Four              | 12    |
| Frank W. Rand P.             | None          | one          | Two               | 3     |
| Blanks.                      | Seven         | Seventeen    | Fourteen          | 38    |
| Secretary                    |               |              |                   |       |
| James F. Seyward D           | Fourteen      | Twenty one   | Twenty six        | 61    |
| Herbert B. Griffin P         | None          | one          | Two               | 3     |
| George Nelson S. L.          | None          | None         | None              | 0     |
| William M. Olm R             | Seventy nine  | Eighty five  | Ninety four       | 258   |
| Spence E. Putney S           | One           | None         | one               | 2     |
| John F. Williams S. L.       | One           | Six          | Four              | 11    |
| Blanks.                      | Nine          | Twenty seven | Fourteen          | 50    |
| Treasurer.                   |               |              |                   |       |
| Charles E. Bullenworth S. L. | Two           | Six          | Five              | 13    |
| Arthur R. Chapin R           | Seventy seven | Eighty five  | Ninety            | 257   |
| Henry C. Hess S. L.          | None          | None         | None              | 0     |
| Charles C. Hitchcock S       | One           | None         | None              | 1     |
| Edward Kendall P             | One           | Two          | Two               | 5     |
| Ernest H. Hemenway D.        | Twelve        | Twenty       | Twenty five       | 57    |
| Blanks.                      | Seven         | Twenty seven | Nineteen          | 53    |

| Auditor                          | Precinct 1    | Precinct 2    | Precinct 3.  | Total |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------|
| Frank Ormbach S. L.              | None          | None          | None         | 0     |
| John E. Dempsey S. L.            | Two           | Six           | Four         | 12    |
| George L. Hall S.                | One           | None          | None         | 1     |
| Willbur D. Moon P.               | one           | Three         | Three        | 7     |
| Henry E. Turner R                | Seventy two   | Eighty five   | Ninety three | 250   |
| Lincoln Vigor D.                 | Fourteen      | Twenty        | Twenty three | 57    |
| Blanks.                          | Fourteen      | Twenty six    | Eighteen     | 58    |
| Attorney General.                |               |               |              |       |
| Henry M. Dean.                   | None          | two           | Four         | 6     |
| Elliot C. Harding                | None          | one           | none         | 1     |
| Dana Malone                      | Seventy three | ninety one    | eighty eight | 252   |
| John M. Carty                    | one           | none          | none         | 1     |
| Richard J. Talbot                | two           | five          | four         | 11    |
| John Alden Thayer                | twenty        | twenty two    | thirty       | 72    |
| Blanks.                          | eight         | nineteen      | fifteen      | 42    |
| Congressman, Fourth Dist.        |               |               |              |       |
| John J. Mitchell                 | twenty four   | fifty one     | forty three  | 118   |
| Charles L. Tirrell               | seventy two   | seventy eight | eighty four  | 234   |
| Blanks.                          | eight         | seven         | thirteen     | 32    |
| Charles E. Wood.                 |               |               | one.         | 1     |
| Councillor Sixth Dist            |               |               |              |       |
| Harry H. Hill                    | three         | eight         | three        | 14    |
| Seward W. Jones.                 | seventy eight | eighty five   | eighty six   | 249   |
| William J. McCluskey             | thirteen      | nineteen      | twenty five  | 57    |
| Blanks.                          | ten.          | twenty eight  | twenty seven | 65    |
| Senator                          |               |               |              |       |
| William H. Brown                 | one           | ten           | two          | 13    |
| Isaac E. Lyones                  | nineteen      | twenty one    | thirty three | 73    |
| James Wilson Grimes              | seventy three | eighty two    | eighty three | 238   |
| Blanks.                          | eleven        | twenty seven  | twenty three | 61    |
| Representative in General Court. |               |               |              |       |
| James B. Carr.                   | none          | none          | one          | 1     |
| James E. Smith                   | twenty        | twenty one    | thirty one   | 72    |
| Eliza D. Stone                   | seventy six   | eighty nine   | ninety one   | 256   |
| Blanks.                          | eight         | thirty        | eighteen     | 56    |

|   | Precinct 1.  | Precinct 2.   | Precinct 3.  | Total |
|---|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------|
| County Commissioner   |              |               |              |       |
| Edward Gallagher  | twelve       | twenty        | twenty two   | 54    |
| Levi S. Gould   | seventy four | seventy eight | ninety one   | 243   |
| Charles F. Halcott  | six          | twelve        | six          | 24    |
| Blanks.   | twelve       | thirty        | twenty two   | 64    |
| County Commissioner to fill vacancy                                       |              |               |              |       |
| George R. Duren   | eighteen     | twenty two    | twenty eight | 68    |
| Andrew W. Jones   | one          | ten           | four         | 15    |
| Charles H. Richardson   | seventy four | seventy nine  | ninety two   | 245   |
| Blanks.   | eleven       | twenty nine   | seventeen    | 57    |
| Register of Probate and Insolvency  |              |               |              |       |
| John F. Holland   | sixteen      | twenty three  | twenty three | 62    |
| William E. Rogers   | seventy five | seventy seven | eighty eight | 240   |
| Roswell C. Ross   | one          | eleven        | five         | 17    |
| Blanks.   | twelve       | twenty nine   | twenty five  | 66    |
| Associate Commissioner to fill vacancy                                    |              |               |              |       |
| James F. McCarthy Jr.   | eleven       | twenty        | twenty two   | 53    |
| Alfred W. Parnell   | one          | ten           | four         | 15    |
| Frank A. Patch  | eighty three | eighty two    | ninety five  | 260   |
| Blanks.   | nine         | twenty eight  | twenty       | 57    |
| Total number of ballots cast one hundred four one forty one one forty one |              |               |              | 385   |
| Total number of names checked.  | 104          | 140           | 141          | 385   |

Vote for Representative in 11<sup>th</sup> Middlesex District  
November 3 1908.

|                                | Acton | Ayer | Carlisle | Cheshire | Littletown | Westford | Total |
|--------------------------------|-------|------|----------|----------|------------|----------|-------|
| James B. Carr of Chelmsford    | 1     | 3    | 4        | 29       | 2          | 12       | 51    |
| James E. Smith of Littleton D. | 72    | 139  | 25       | 167      | 63         | 75       | 541   |
| Elishad D. Stone of Ayer R.    | 256   | 321  | 48       | 395      | 127        | 212      | 1359  |
| Blanks.                        | 56    | 71   | 25       | 141      | 31         | 95       | 419   |
|                                | 385   | 534  | 102      | 732      | 223        | 394      | 2370  |

Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk of Acton Edward J. Robbins T. C. of Chelmsford  
Guy B. Remick " " Ayer Charles F. Johnson " " Littleton  
Frank H. Bidlington " " Carlisle Edward Fisher " " Westford  
A true record. Attest. Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk.

Warrant for the Annual Meeting  
March 29, 1909.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex. Greeting:  
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the twenty ninth day of March A.D. 1909 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz-

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following Town Officers: Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Auditor, Tree Warden, four Constables, four Field Drivers, three Fence Viewers all for one year, one Assessor one Road Commissioner, one Trustee of Memorial Library one Member of School Committee, one Cemetery Commissioner one Member of the Board of Health, all for three years, also one Member of the Board of Health for two years, to fill a vacancy and one Member of the Board of Health for one year to fill a vacancy. Also on the same ballot with the above named Town Officers to vote upon the following question; Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town?

The polls will be opened at 9-30 A.M. and may be closed at 4 o'clock P.M.

Art. 3 To vote by separate ballot Yes or No in answer to the following question; Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and eight entitled "An Act to provide for the protection of forest or sprout lands from fire" be accepted by this town.



- Art. 4 To choose all necessary Town officers not named in Art. 2 and fix salaries
- Art. 5 To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor, School Committee, Library Trustees and other Town Officers.
- Art. 6 To hear and act upon the reports of any committees chosen to report at this meeting
- Art. 7 To see what amount of money the Town will raise for due observance of Memorial Day
- Art. 8 To see what amount of money the town will raise for the repairing <sup>and building</sup> of roads and bridges or act anything thereon
- Art. 9 To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of its Selectmen to borrow money for the town if necessary in anticipation of taxes the current year.
- Art. 10 To see what amount of money the Town will raise for support of Memorial Library the present year
- Art. 11 To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of schools the present year
- Art. 12 To see what amount of money the Town will raise for School supplies
- Art. 13 To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor laws or act anything thereon.
- Art. 14 To see what amount of money the Town will appropriate for the care of cemeteries or act anything thereon.
- Art. 15 To see if the Town will accept the legacy of three thousand (3000) dollars given the Town in trust by the will of Charlotte L. Goodnow late deceased of Worcester Mass. for the purposes as in said bequest set forth or pass such votes in relation thereto as the Town may deem proper.
- Art. 16 To see if the Town will choose Trustees to be known as the Trustees of the Goodnow Fund to administer the Fund of three thousand dollars. \$3000. given the Town

- in the legacy under the will of Charlotte L. Goodnow according to the provisions of said bequest, or pass such votes in relation thereto as the Town may deem proper
- Art. 17 To see what amount of money the Town will raise for maintenance of Fire Department or act thereon
- Art. 18 To see what action the town will take in regard to the extermination of the brown tail and gypsy moth
- Art. 19 To see what amount of money the town will raise for town charges
- Art. 20 To see what action the Town will take in regard to the collection of taxes
- Art. 21 To see what action the Town will take in regard to street lamps the present year
- Art. 22 To see what action the town will take in reference to contesting or settling the suit brought against it by Oscar H. Jones and others now pending in the Superior Court for the County of Middlesex and numbered 14 888. therein.
- Art. 23 To see what action the town will take in regard to the extermination of the elm leaf beetle
- Art. 24 To see if the Town will accept as a town way the laying out by the Road Commissioners of a town road in West Acton from a point on Abington Street so called near the house of George B. Parker to the Union Turnpike connecting with the road leading to house of James Hindsley and others or pass such votes in relation thereto as the town may deem proper.
- Art. 25 To see if the Town will provide a suitable Vault and safes for the preservation of the Town Records or act anything thereon
- Art. 26 To see if the Town will accept the Calvin and Luther Blanchard Memorial and the premises belonging thereto given to the town by the will of Luke Blanchard also to see if the town will accept from the trustees

under the will of Luke Blanchard. the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) the income of which is to be expended in the care of the burial lot of said Blanchard. also the sum of One hundred (\$100) dollars the income of which is to be expended in the care of the Luther and Calvin Blanchard Memorial and the sum of One hundred dollars \$100, the income of which is to be expended in the preservation and care of the family tomb formerly belonging to Simon Blanchard of Roxbury and in said funds. and expend the income thereof in accordance with the provisions specified in the will of said Blanchard.

Art. 27. To see if the town will instruct the Overseers of the Poor to contract out the medical attendance for the poor the ensuing year or act anything thereon

Art. 28 To see if the Town will instruct the Road Commissioners to repair the road in front of J. O. O. F. Hall or thereabout or act thereon

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting copies attested by you in the following places. One in each of the Post Office and Railroad Stations; one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co, W. E. Whitcomb, M. E. Taylor & Co. Tuttle & Newton, Finney & Hoyt, J. Cushing & Co, and one at the Stage House. at least seven days before the time appointed for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time for holding said meeting. Given under our hands in Acton this eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine

James B. Tuttle. Selectmen of  
Bertram D Hall. Acton  
Asaph Merriam

Copies of the within warrant duly attested by me have been posted in the several places as designated by the Selectmen seven days before the time appointed for holding said meeting

William T. Storrs Constable of Acton  
Acton March 19. 1909.

## Proceedings of the Annual Meeting March 29. 1909.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Acton held on Monday March 29 1909. at nine o'clock A.M. the articles in the warrant for said meeting were acted upon in the following manner, Abram Tuttle, J. Linwood Richardson, Herbert F. Robbins and Willis L. Holden having been appointed election officers were sworn.

Art. 1. Allen Brooks Parker was chosen Moderator. E. Faulkner Conant, Charles C. Smith, Ernest R. Tiele and Fred S. Whitcomb were appointed and sworn as tellers by the Moderator.

Art. 2. Polls opened at 9-30 A.M. and closed at 4-30 P.M. The ballot box registered zero at the opening of the polls. The total no of ballots cast was Four hundred twenty two. The total number of male votes checked was Four hundred twenty two. " " " " female " " " none

The following is a true record of the names of all persons voted for, the number of votes received for each person the title of the office for which he was proposed and the number of blank ballots for each office -

|          |                  |                             |
|----------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| sworn by | Town Clerk       |                             |
| Mod.     | Horace F. Tuttle | two hundred eighty nine 289 |
|          | Blanks -         | 133                         |

|       |                 |                                 |
|-------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
|       | Selectmen.      |                                 |
| sworn | Asaph Merriam   | two hundred and twenty 220      |
| "     | W. T. Storrs    | three hundred and seventeen 316 |
| "     | James B. Tuttle | three hundred and eighteen 318  |



Lyman C. Taylor. One hundred eighty seven 187  
Assessor for three years.

sworn James B. Tuttle three hundred and sixteen 316

### Overseers of the Poor -

sworn by Town Clerk William F. Kelley three hundred twenty two 322

sworn Octavius A. Knowlton two hundred ninety three 293

sworn by Town Clerk J. Sterling Moore three hundred thirty two 332

R. G. Reed. three 3

### Treasurer.

sworn by E. H. Bismark J. L. Jonathan H. W. Hetherbee three hundred & forty 340

### Collector of Taxes.

sworn William F. Stevens three hundred thirty six 336

### Auditor

sworn by J. H. Bismark J. L. Waldo E. Whitcomb three hundred & fourteen 314

### Constables

sworn Bradley Albert S. three hundred twenty two 322

Kinsley James. two hundred seventy one 271

Kingsley William H. three hundred and three 303

sworn Stevens W. F. three hundred and seventeen 317

Libby George one 1

Hollon C. B. one 1

Ward Chas. E. one 1

### Road Commissioner

sworn Albert H. Perkins two hundred & eighty three

### Field Drivers

sworn Albert S. Bradley two hundred & eighty seven 287

James Kinsley two hundred & fifty six 256

William H. Kingsley two hundred & seventy seven 277

sworn William F. Stevens two hundred and eighty one 281

### Jury Viewers

sworn Asaph Merriam two hundred thirty three 233

" William F. Stevens two hundred eighty two 282

" James B. Tuttle two hundred eighty four 284

### School Committee

Samuel A. Christie two hundred eighty three 283

### Cemetery Commissioners

Julian Tuttle three hundred and two 302

### Board of Health for three years.

sworn by J. H. Bismark J. L. Frank E. Tasker, two hundred ninety two 292

Fred. W. Green one

### Board of Health for two years (to fill vacancy)

sworn James B. Tuttle two hundred and eighty 280

### Board of Health for one year (to fill vacancy)

sworn Asaph Merriam two hundred twenty eight 228

### Trustee Memorial Library

Lucius A. Hesselton two hundred & ninety one 291

### Tree Wardens

sworn David C. Harris two hundred eighty six 286

Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town?

Yes. One hundred and seventy 170

No. Two hundred and thirty eight 238

Blanks - fourteen 14

Apr. 3. Voted to accept the Act.

by ballot - Yes. 28

No. 17

- Art. 4 Voted that the Selectmen appoint Surveyors of Lumber, Wood, Crops and Staves.  
 Voted, That the salary of the Road Commissioner be two and one half dollars per day nine hours to constitute a day.  
 Voted, That the salary of the Collector of Taxes be one per cent of the amount collected and that he perform all the duties hitherto performed by said officer.  
 Voted to fix the salary of the Auditor at six dollars.
- Art. 5 Voted to accept the reports of the several town officers.
- Art. 6 Voted to pass over the article
- Art. 7 Voted. To raise One hundred dollars \$100.
- Art. 8 Voted. To raise Three thousand dollars \$3000.
- Art. 9 Voted. To authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money for the town if necessary in anticipation of taxes the current year.
- Art. 10 Voted. To raise Four hundred dollars \$400. for current expenses. and two hundred dollars \$200 for books. provided that a sum not exceeding \$50. fifty dollars shall be appropriated for the transportation of books.
- Art. 11 & 12 Voted. To raise eleven thousand dollars \$11000. for support of schools. and school supplies.  
 Voted, That the School Committee be requested to provide for the two lower grades of the high school in the town and that the other grades be sent to Concord.
- Art. 13 Voted, To leave the enforcement of the liquor laws to the Selectmen.  
 Voted, That the unexpended balance of the money appropriated for the enforcement of the liquor laws for the year ending Mar 1 1909 be appropriated for the enforcement of the liquor laws the current year.

- Voted. That three quarters of the amount received for liquor licenses in the ending May 1 1909, if the town votes no license, constitute a fund for the enforcement of the liquor laws otherwise to constitute a fund for police protection.
- Art. 14 Voted, To appropriate Four hundred (400) dollars.
- Art. 15 Voted, To accept the legacy of three thousand (3000) dollars. given the town in trust by the will of Charlotte L. Goodnow for the purposes set forth in said bequest. Following is a copy of said bequest "To the Town of Acton, Mass. I give \$3000. in trust, twenty dollars of the interest to be spent yearly for the care of the family burial lot in the Cemetery at Acton Mass. and the remainder of the income to be applied to the support of Evangelical preaching in the Congregational Trinitarian Church of said town."
- Art. 16 Voted, to choose three trustees to serve for one year to be known as the Trustees of the Goodnow Fund. to administer said fund according to the provisions of said bequest, to serve without pay and make an annual report to the town.  
 Luther Conant, Horace F. Tuttle and Isaac W. Flagg were chosen as said Trustees.
- Art. 17 Voted, To raise three hundred and fifty (350) dollars.
- Art. 18 Voted, To appropriate one-twenty fifth of one per cent <sup>assessed</sup> of the valuation of the town for the year 1908.
- Art. 19 Voted to pass over the article
- Art. 20 Voted. That the Collector charge interest at the rate of five per cent per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of November next.
- Art. 21 Voted; To raise one thousand (1000) dollars to be expended by the Selectmen.



Art. 22. Voted, That the Selectmen and three gentlemen to be named by the Moderator be a committee to undertake the defence of the action at law brought against the town by Oscar A. Jones and others, now pending in the Superior Court for the County of Middlesex, with authority to hire counsel and contest the action or to make a settlement thereof, if in the judgement of the Committee a settlement can be made which shall be just and equitable and preserve the rights of the town. The Moderator appointed Luther Conant, Jonathan P. Fletcher and Arthur F. Blanchard. members of said committee.

Art. 23 Voted, That the matter be placed in the hands of the local Superintendent of the moth work.

Voted, To appropriate one hundred (100) dollars.

Art. 24 Voted, that the town accept the laying out by the Road Commissioners of a town way from Arlington to the Turnpike, so called, as described in their return dated March 1909. and build said road. provided that the matter of land damages can be settled satisfactory to the Road Commissioners and provided the total cost of said road including construction and land damages shall not exceed seven hundred (700) dollars. Voted, To raise seven hundred (700) dollars.

for the purpose of laying out and building said road.

Art. 25 Voted, to leave the matter with the Selectmen with power to act.

Art. 26 Voted, To accept the Calvin and Luther Blanchard Memorial and the premises belonging thereto given to the town by the will of Luke Blanchard.

Voted, to accept from the Trustees under the will of Luke Blanchard five hundred (500) dollars the income to be expended in the care of the burial lot of said Blanchard also the sum of one hundred dollars, the income to be expended in the care of the Luther and Calvin Blanchard Memorial.

and the sum of one hundred dollars the income to be expended in the preservation and care of the family tomb formerly belonging to Simon Blanchard of Berboro to invest said funds and expend the income thereof in accordance with the provisions specified in the will of said Blanchard.

Art. 27 Voted, That the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to contract out the medical attendance for the poor the ensuing year.

Art. 28 Voted, to leave the matter with the Road Commissioners.

Voted, To raise two hundred (200) dollars for the purpose set forth in the article so far as it may be necessary.

Voted, unanimously the following resolution.

Whereas, our fellow townsman George C. Wright of West Acton has erected a chapel in Mount Hope Cemetery and has presented it to the town and it has been accepted in behalf of the town by its Selectmen and Cemetery Commissioners.

Resolved, that we the citizens of Acton in Town Meeting assembled do hereby recognize the generosity and public spirit of Mr Wright and express to him our thanks for his gift.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be placed upon the town records and a copy thereof be sent to Mr Wright.

Voted, Unanimously that we express to the Acton Grange our thanks for the excellent dinner provided <sup>by them</sup> on this occasion.

Voted to adjourn.

A. true record. Attest

Ernest F. Tuttle.

Town Clerk.

Warrant for the State Election Nov. 2 1909  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton,  
in the County of Middlesex, Greeting:-  
You are hereby required in the name of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and <sup>to warn</sup>  
the inhabitants of the Town of Acton and particularly  
the legal voters thereof, to meet at the polling places  
in the several precincts to which they respectively  
belong, on Tuesday the second day of November  
1909 at (7) seven o'clock A. M. then and there  
to bring in their votes on one ballot for  
Governor; Lieut. Governor; Secretary; Treasurer;  
Auditor; Attorney General; Councillor; Senator;  
One Representative in General Court; County  
Commissioner and County Treasurer.  
The Polling Places in the several precincts will  
be as follows: Precinct One in the Town Hall  
Precinct Two; in the Vestry of the Universalist Church,  
South Acton. Precinct (3) Three in the Fire House  
West Acton. The polls will be opened at 7.15  
o'clock A. M. and may be closed at 3.45 o'clock P. M.  
And you are hereby required to serve this warrant  
by posting copies, attested by you, in the following  
places: One in each of the Post Offices and Railroad  
Stations; One in each of the stores of C. H. Mead  
& Co., W. E. Whitcomb, E. C. Parker & Co., M. E. Taylor  
& Co., Tuttle & Newton, Finney & Hoyt, J. Cushing & Co.  
and one at the Mayor House, at least seven  
days before the time appointed for holding said  
meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return  
of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the  
Selectmen or the Town Clerk on or before the time  
for holding said meeting. Given under our hands  
in Acton this twentieth day of October in the

year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred  
and nine James B. Tuttle Selectmen  
Isaiah Merriam of Acton  
William F. Stevens

Copies of the within warrant duly attested by me  
have been posted at the several places as directed  
by the Selectmen seven days before the time  
appointed for holding said meetings

William F. Stevens  
Acton Oct. 23 1909. Constable of Acton

Proceedings of Meetings held Nov. 2 1909.  
in accordance with the preceding warrant,  
in Precincts One, Two & Three in Town of Acton  
The following is a record of the names of all  
persons voted for, the number of votes received for  
each person, the title of the office for which he was  
proposed and the number of blank ballots for each  
office

|                         | Precinct 1   | Precinct 2   | Precinct 3   | Total |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Governor                |              |              |              |       |
| Eben S. Draper R.       | sixty five   | sixty nine   | sixty nine   | 203   |
| John A. Nicholls P.     | one          | one          | three        | 5     |
| Walter E. Ruther S. L.  | none         | none         | one          | 1     |
| James H. Vahay D.       | nineteen     | thirty one   | thirty five  | 85    |
| Daniel A. White S.      | none         | one          | none         | 1     |
| Blanks.                 | two          | three        | two          | 7     |
| Lieut Governor          |              |              |              |       |
| Eugene W. Foss D.       | twenty three | thirty three | thirty seven | 93    |
| Louis A. Frothingham R. | sixty        | sixty eight  | sixty nine   | 197   |
| George G. Hall S.       | one          | one          | none         | 2     |
| Ernest R. Hoipe P.      | one          | none         | two          | 3     |
| Lawrence Yates S. L.    | none         | two          | one          | 3     |
| Blanks.                 | two          | one          | one          | 4     |
| Secretary               |              |              |              |       |
| David T. Clark D.       | twelve       | twenty two   | twenty six   | 60    |
| Harriet D. Orway S.     | none         | three        | none         | 3     |



| Secretary (continued)     | Prec 1      | Prec 2        | Prec 3        | Total |
|---------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| Henry C. Hess, S. L.      | none        | none          | two           | 2     |
| William G. Merrill P.     | one         | none          | three         | 4     |
| William M. Olm R.         | sixty seven | seventy four  | seventy three | 214   |
| Blanks.                   | seven       | six           | six           | 19    |
| Treasurer                 |             |               |               |       |
| James H. Bryan D.         | thirteen    | twenty three  | twenty three  | 59    |
| James B. Carr S.          | none        | one           | none          | 1     |
| David Craig S. L.         | none        | none          | one           | 1     |
| Daniel Parlin P.          | one         | one           | four          | 6     |
| Elmer A. Stevens R.       | sixty six   | seventy five  | seventy six   | 217   |
| Blanks.                   | seven       | five          | six           | 18    |
| Auditor                   |             |               |               |       |
| Alexis Boyer Jr. D.       | twelve      | twenty two    | twenty five   | 59    |
| Charles H. Chase P.       | two         | one           | three         | 6     |
| Sylvester J. McBride S.   | none        | two           | none          | 2     |
| Jeremiah P. McHally S. L. | none        | none          | one           | 1     |
| Henry E. Turner R.        | sixty four  | seventy three | seventy three | 210   |
| Blanks.                   | nine        | seven         | eight         | 24    |
| Attorney General.         |             |               |               |       |
| Henry M. Dean P.          | one         | none          | three         | 4     |
| John A. Fredrikson S. L.  | none        | one           | one           | 2     |
| Dana Malone R.            | sixty six   | seventy two   | seventy three | 211   |
| Harvey N. Shephard D.     | twelve      | twenty five   | twenty three  | 60    |
| John Weaver Sherman S. L. | none        | one           | one           | 2     |
| Blanks.                   | eight       | six           | nine          | 23    |
| Councilor                 |             |               |               |       |
| Henry G. Burke S.         | none        | two           | one           | 3     |
| Charles H. Callahan D.    | thirteen    | twenty        | twenty three  | 56    |
| Herbert E. Fletcher R.    | sixty six   | seventy eight | seventy six   | 220   |
| Chas. E. Wood & Blanks.   | eight       | five          | six           | 19    |
| Senator                   |             |               |               |       |
| Frank P. Bennett Jr. R.   | sixty seven | seventy one   | fifty seven   | 195   |
| James Kinsley D.          | fourteen    | twenty four   | forty nine    | 87    |
| William S. Trefry S.      | none        | two           | none          | 2     |
| Blanks.                   | six         | eight         | four          | 18    |

| Representative in General Court                                | Prec 1       | Prec 2           | Prec 3          | Total |
|--|--------------|------------------|-----------------|-------|
| John M. Fletcher D.  | fifteen      | twenty three     | twenty six      | 64    |
| Eliska D. Stone of Ayer R.                                     | sixty six    | seventy five     | seventy three   | 214   |
| Blanks.  | six          | seven            | eleven          | 24    |
| County Commissioners   |              |                  |                 |       |
| Patrick Coulton D.   | thirteen     | twenty one       | twenty six      | 60    |
| Robert J. Kelley S.  | none         | three            | none            | 3     |
| Samuel C. Upham R.   | sixty seven  | seventy seven    | seventy six     | 220   |
| Blanks.  | seven        | four             | eight           | 19    |
| County Treasurer   |              |                  |                 |       |
| Joseph O. Hayden R.  | sixty seven  | seventy six      | seventy five    | 218   |
| Anson B. Hobbs S.  | none         | three            | none            | 3     |
| Depter C. Whittimore D.  | twelve       | twenty three     | twenty five     | 60    |
| Blanks.  | eight        | three            | ten             | 21    |
| No of ballots cast   | eighty seven | one hundred five | one hundred ten | 302   |
| No of names checked.   | eighty seven | one hundred five | one hundred ten | 302   |
| Horace F. Tuttle Clerk of Precinct 1                           |              |                  |                 |       |
| Abram Tuttle " " " 2   |              |                  |                 |       |
| William F. Kelley " " " 3                                      |              |                  |                 |       |
| I have record attested Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk             |              |                  |                 |       |
| Vote for Representative in 11 <sup>th</sup> Middlesex District |              |                  |                 |       |
| Nov. 2, 1909   |              |                  |                 |       |

|                                | Ayer | Ayer | Carlisle | Chelmsford | Littletown | Westford | Total |
|--------------------------------|------|------|----------|------------|------------|----------|-------|
| John M Fletcher of Westford D. | 64   | 126  | 21       | 193        | 39         | 158      | 601   |
| Eliska D. Stone of Ayer. R.    | 214  | 260  | 50       | 333        | 93         | 146      | 1096  |
| Blanks.                        | 24   | 29   | 11       | 46         | 9          | 29       | 148   |
|                                | 302  | 415  | 82       | 572        | 141        | 333      | 1845  |

|                                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk of Ayer |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Guy B. Kemick " " " Ayer            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Frank H. Billington " " " Carlisle  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Edward J. Robbins " " " Chelmsford. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Charles F. Johnson " " " Littletown |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Edward Fisher " " " Westford        |  |  |  |  |  |  |

# Warrant for the Annual Meeting March 28 1910.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex s.s.

To each of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex; Greeting; -

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> twenty eighth day of March A.D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles as they may think proper, viz: -

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following town officers; Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Auditor, Tree Warden, Four Constables, four Field Drivers, three Fence Viewers, all for one year; one Assessor, one Road Commissioner, one Trustee of Memorial Library, one member of the School Committee, one Cemetery Commissioner, one member of the Board of Health; all for three years, also one member of the School Committee for one year to fill a vacancy. Also on the same ballot with the above named town officers, to vote upon the following question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town?

Art. 3. The polls will be opened at 9.30. A.M. and may be closed at 4 o'clock. P.M.

Art. 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers not named in Article 2 and fix salaries.

Art. 4 To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Selectmen

Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Library Trustees and other town officers.

Art. 5. To hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen to report at this meeting.

Art. 6. To see what amount of money the town will raise for due observance of Memorial Day,

Art. 7. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the repairing and building of roads and bridges or act anything thereon.

Art. 8. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of its Selectmen, to borrow money for the town, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes the current year.

Art. 9. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of Memorial Library the present year

Art. 10. To see what amount of money the town will raise for <sup>support of</sup> Schools the present year

Art. 11. To see what amount of money the town will raise for school supplies

Art. 12 To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the Liquor laws, or act anything thereon.

Art. 13 To see what amount of money the town will appropriate for the care of cemeteries

Art. 14 To see what amount of money the town will raise for maintenance of the Fire Department or act thereon



- Art 15. To see what action the town will take in regard to the extermination of the Brown tail and gypsy moth.
- Art 16. To see what amount of money the town will raise for town charges.
- Art 17. To see what action the town will take in regard to the collecting of taxes.
- Art 18. To see what action the town will take in regard to street lamps the present year.
- Art 19. To see what action the town will take in regard to the extermination of the elm leaf beetle.
- Art 20. To see if the town will provide a suitable vault and safes for the preservation of the town records or act anything therein.
- Art 21. To see if the town will vote to build a high school building the present year or act anything therein.
- Art 22. To see if the town will sell the town farm or take any action thereon.
- Art 23. To see if the town will <sup>vote to</sup> appropriate fifteen dollars to paint the iron flag holders in the different cemeteries in Acton.
- Art 24. To see if the town will vote to appropriate Two hundred dollars to be used in making proper repairs on the road leading from Maple Street to the home of Walter Hayward in South Acton.
- Art 25. To see if the town will expend three hundred dollars on the highway leading from East Acton

- to Mr. Pop's corner on the Carlisle road.
- Art 26. To see what action the town will take in making proper sanitary arrangements in the Town Hall.
- Art 27. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Collector of Taxes relative to making a report to the Board of Selectmen or act thereon.
- Art 28. To see if the town will accept the laying out by the Road Commissioners of a road in West Acton, from the terminus of the Hinsley road, so called, to land of James Harley and Heirs of Mary Haniford and build said road or take any action in relation to the same.
- Art 29. To see if the town will rescind the vote passed at their meeting, April 3 1899, whereby they voted to choose three Road Commissioners and accept the provisions of the law relative thereto.
- Art 30. To see if the town will choose a committee to confer with the Water Commissioners of the Town of Concord, in regard to said town laying a pipe from its main in East Acton to or near the residence of Abel Cole or act anything thereon.
- Art 31. To see if the town will instruct the Assessors to have printed a valuation list for the year 1900.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting copies attested by you, in the following places; One in each of the Post Offices, and Railroad Stations, one in each of the Stores of C. H. Mead & Co, W. E. Whitcomb, E. C. Parker & Co, M. E. Taylor & Co, Tuttle & Newton, Finney & Root, J. Cushing & Co, and one at the Nagog House at least seven days before the time appointed for holding said meeting. And if fail to do so, make due return of this warrant with your

bring them to the Selectmen or the Town Clerk on or before  
the time for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands in Acton this fifteenth day of  
March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred  
and ten.

James B. Tuttle Selectman of  
Asaph Merriam Acton  
Wm F Stevens

I hereby certify that attested copies of the within warrant  
have been posted as directed by the Selectmen seven  
days before the time for holding said meeting,

Wm F Stevens  
Acton March 17<sup>th</sup> 1910 Constable of Acton

## Proceedings of the Annual Meeting March 28 1910.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Acton held  
on Monday March 28, 1910. at nine o'clock A.M.  
the articles in the warrant for said meeting were acted  
upon in the following manner: viz: -

The meeting was called to order at 9 o'clock A.M.  
by the Town Clerk.

Voted, to dispense with the reading of the warrant  
in full.

Symon C. Taylor, Charles E. Smith, Clarence D. Gram  
and Abram Tuttle, appointed by the Selectmen to act  
as tellers, were sworn by the Town Clerk.

Art. 1. Allen Brooks Parker was chosen Moderator.

Art. 2. The polls were opened at 9.30 o'clock A.M.  
The ballot box registered zero at the opening of the polls.  
The total number of ballots cast was three hundred ninety two.  
The total number of male votes checked was three hundred ninety two.  
The total number of female votes checked was none.  
The following is a true record of the names of all  
persons voted for, the number of votes received for each  
person, and the title of the office for which he was  
proposed.

Town Clerk

sworn by  
Mod.

Horace F. Tuttle Two hundred and forty nine  
Selectmen

sworn by  
T. Clerk

Asaph Merriam two hundred seventy

Allen Brooks Parker two hundred eleven

Charles B. Stone two hundred fifteen

James B. Tuttle two hundred eighty six

Assessor

William F. Kelley three hundred twenty three

Overseers of the Poor.

William F. Kelley three hundred sixteen

sworn by  
T. Clerk



Overseers of the Poor. (continued)

Oscarus A. Haxallton two hundred eighty

J. Sterling Moore three hundred eight <sup>sworn by</sup> <sub>James Clark</sub>

Treasurer

Jonathan N. Wadsworth three hundred forty one <sup>sworn by</sup> <sub>E. F. Brown</sub>

Collector of Taxes.

William F. Stevens, three hundred twenty one. <sup>sworn by</sup> <sub>Med.</sub>

Auditor

Waldo E. Whitcomb, three hundred eleven <sup>sworn by</sup> <sub>J. B. Clark</sub>

Constables.

Albert Bradley, three hundred twelve <sup>sworn by</sup> <sub>Med.</sub>

Edmund Houghton two hundred thirty <sup>sworn by</sup> <sub>J. B. Clark</sub>

J. Linwood Richardson one hundred eighty eight <sup>sworn by</sup> <sub>Med.</sub>

William F. Stevens two hundred sixty seven <sup>sworn by</sup> <sub>Med.</sub>

Charles E. Wood. one hundred fifty eight

Road Commissioner

Alfred W. Davis two hundred sixty eight <sup>sworn by</sup> <sub>Med.</sub>

Field Drivers

Wm. F. Kelley, two hundred seventy two <sup>sworn by</sup> <sub>J. B. Clark</sub>

Levi W. Perkins two hundred sixty four <sup>sworn by</sup> <sub>E. F. Brown</sub>

Edgar T. Rice two hundred sixty one <sup>sworn by</sup> <sub>J. B. Clark</sub>

George T. Weaver, two hundred fifty eight

Sence. Viewers

Asaph. Merriam two hundred fifty two <sup>sworn by</sup> <sub>J. B. Clark</sub>

Edwin T. Swift two hundred forty eight

James B. Tuttle two hundred fifty four <sup>sworn by</sup> <sub>Med.</sub>

School Committee for 3 years.

Allen Brooks Parker two hundred eighty seven <sup>sworn by</sup> <sub>J. B. Clark</sub>

School Committee for one year

Edwin A. Phalen two hundred eighty five <sup>sworn by</sup> <sub>Med.</sub>

Cemetery Commissioner

Horace F. Tuttle three hundred twelve

Board of Health

Asaph. Merriam two hundred sixty two <sup>sworn by</sup> <sub>J. B. Clark</sub>

Trustee of Memorial Library three years

Horace F. Tuttle three hundred two

Trustee of Memorial Library one year, to fill vacancy

J. Sidney White two seventy three

Tree Warden

William H. Kingsley two hundred eighty nine <sup>sworn by</sup> <sub>Med.</sub>

Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

Total number of ballots cast three hundred ninety two

Yes. one hundred ninety three 193

No. one hundred seventy four 174

Blanks twenty five 25

Art. 3 Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to appoint Surveyors of lumber, cord, hoops & staves.

Voted, to choose three Trustees of the Goodness Fund, one for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and that hereafter one shall be chosen annually for three years.

Chose Luther Conant for one year, J. Warren Stagg for two years, Horace F. Tuttle for three years.

Voted; That the salary of the Road Commissioners be two and one half dollars per day, nine hours to constitute a day.

Voted; That the salary of the Tax Collector be one per centum of the amount collected, and that he perform all the duties hitherto performed by said officer.

Voted; To fix the salary of the Auditor at six dollars.

Voted; To fix the salary of the Town Treasurer at Two hundred dollars.

Art. 4 Voted to accept the reports of the several Town Officers

Art. 5. Heard the report of Luther Conant for the Committee chosen by the town, in the matter of the claim of the Estate of Abram Jones for land damages. Voted to accept the report.

Art. 6. Voted; to raise the sum of Fifty (50) dollars.

Art. 7. Voted; To raise Five thousand (5000) dollars.

Art. 8 Voted; To authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the town if necessary in anticipation of taxes the current year.

Art. 9 Voted; To raise Four hundred dollars for current expenses and Two hundred dollars for. Books.

Art. 10 Voted; For common schools 4,750.00

& 11 For high school 4200.00

For school supplies 625.00

For transportation of pupils 1360.00

For salary of Supt. 510.00

For medical inspection of pupils 100.00

Art. 12 Voted; To pass over the article.

Art. 13 Voted; To appropriate five hundred (500) dollars.

Art. 14 Voted; To raise the sum of Four hundred (400) dollars.

Voted, That the proper officials publish in the annual town report the location of all hand chemical fire extinguishers belonging to the town.

Voted; That the Fire Wardens be instructed to furnish hand chemical fire extinguishers and hand force pumps to any individual in town paying one half of the cost the said fire apparatus to be for public use.

Art. 15. Voted to raise the per centage of the assessed valuation of the town required by law

Art. 16 Voted, To lay the article on the table  
" To pass over the article

Art. 17. Voted; That the collector charge interest at the rate of five per cent per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of November next.

Voted; That poll and personal tax only be payable on demand. That the collector shall issue summons for all poll and personal taxes only remaining unpaid September first. The collector shall collect all taxes committed to him within the municipal year in which they are assessed

Art. 18 Voted; To raise One thousand (1000) dollars to be expended by the Selectmen.

Art. 19 Voted, To appropriate the sum of Four hundred dollars to be expended at the discretion of the Tree Wardens

Art. 20 Voted; that the matter be referred to the Selectmen with power to act.

Art. 21 Voted; that the town build a high school building the present year  
Yes 83. No 77.

Art. 22 Voted; To pass over the article

Art. 23. Voted; To pass over the article

Art. 24. Voted; To refer the matter to the Road Commissioners

Art. 25 Voted; To raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty (250) dollars to repair said road.

Art. 26 Voted; To refer the matter to the Selectmen with power to act.



Art. 27 Voted; That the Collector of Taxes shall render to the Selectmen once in every four months commencing with the thirtieth day of November next and each succeeding year, a full statement of his accounts as collector giving amount committed for collection and interest collected, abatements made by the Assessors and money paid into the Treasury by him. In addition to this statement he shall furnish the Selectmen on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March of each year a true list of all compound taxes together with the names of delinquent tax payers.

Art. 28 Voted, to accept the laying out by the Road Commissioners of a road in West Acton from the terminus of the Winsley road, so called, to land of James Hurley and heirs of Mary Haniford Voted to instruct the Road Commissioners to build the road.  
Voted; To raise four hundred dollars to build the road and pay the land damages.

Art. 29 Voted; To pass over the article

Art. 30 Voted; To pass over the article

Art. 31 Voted; To instruct the Assessors to print the assessed valuation of the town for the year 1910.

Voted; to adjourn.

A true record, attest,  
Horace F. Tuttle  
Town Clerk.

# Warrant for the State Election

November 8 1910.  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
Middlesex, S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex, Greeting:  
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton and particularly the legal voters thereof to meet at the polling places in the several precincts to which they respectively belong on Tuesday the eighth day of November 1910 at seven o'clock A. M. then and there to bring in their votes on one ballot for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Representatives in Congress, Councilmen, Senators, One Representative in the General Court, County Commissioner, Associate Commissioners, District Attorney, Sheriff also Representative in Congress to fill a vacancy and County Commissioner to fill a vacancy. The polling places in the several precincts will be as follows; - Precinct One; in the Town Hall.

Precinct Two; in the Vestry of the Universalist Church South Acton

Precinct Three; in the Fire House West Acton  
The polls will be opened at 7:15 o'clock A. M. and may be closed at 3:45 o'clock P. M.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting copies attested by you in the following places; One in each of the stores of C. H. Meas & Co, W. E. Whitcomb, George H. Reed, M. E. Taylor & Co, Tuttle & Newton Finney & Hoit, One at the Ragoz House, and one in each of the Railroad Stations and Post Offices in the town at least seven days before the time appointed for holding said meeting. If you fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or the Town Clerk on or before the time for holding said meeting Given under our hands in Acton this twentieth

day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand  
nine hundred and ten

signed Asaph Merriam

James B. Tuttle

Charles B. Stone

Selectmen of Acton

I hereby certify that attested copies of the within warrant  
have been posted as directed by the Selectmen seven days  
before the time appointed for holding said meeting

W. F. Stevens

Acton Oct. 27, 1910

Constable of Acton

### Proceedings of Meetings held November 8, 1910

in accordance with the preceding warrant in

Precincts 1, 2, and 3, in the Town of Acton

The following is a record of the names of all persons voted  
for, the number of votes received for each person, the title  
of the office for which he was proposed, and the  
number of blank ballots received for each office.

Party designations R. Republican, D. Democratic, S. L. P.

Norm. Paper, Democratic Progressive Nomination Paper

P. Prohibition; S. L., Socialist Labor; S. Socialist

| Governor.                 | Precinct 1    | Precinct 2  | Precinct 3   | Total |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------|
| Eben D. Draper R          | seventy three | eighty five | eighty one   | 239   |
| Eugene W. Foss, D.        | twenty four   | forty one   | thirty seven | 102   |
| Eugene W. Foss, no design | one           | three       | three        | 7     |
| Eugene W. Foss, D.P.      | one           | one         | four         | 6     |
| John A. Nicholls R.       | none          | two         | two          | 4     |
| Moritz E. Rutherford S.L. | none          | none        | none         | 1     |
| Daniel A. White S.        | one           | two         | none         | 3     |
| Blanks.                   | three         | three       | three        | 9     |

### Lieut. Governor

|                         |              |        |              |     |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------|--------------|-----|
| Thomas F. Cassidy D.    | twenty three | thirty | thirty three | 86  |
| Louis A. Frothingham R. | sixty nine   | ninety | seventy four | 233 |
| Henry C. Wells S.L.     | one          | none   | none         | 1   |
| Patrick Mahoney S       | one          | two    | none         | 3   |

### Lieut. Gov. (continued)

|                            |               |               |               |      |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------|
| William J. Merrill P.      | two           | four          | four          | 10   |
| Blanks.                    | seven         | eleven        | nineteen      | 37   |
| Secretary                  |               |               |               |      |
| Harriet D. Croay S.        | one           | two           | none          | 3    |
| Charles J. Martell D.      | twenty one    | thirty five   | thirty five   | 91   |
| Andrew Mortenson S.L.      | none          | none          | none          | 0    |
| William M. Olm R.          | seventy four  | eighty eight  | seventy nine  | 241  |
| William E. Thomas P.       | one           | five          | one           | 7    |
| Blanks                     | six           | seven         | fifteen       | 28   |
| Treasurer                  |               |               |               |      |
| Carl Fredrikson S.L.       | none          | two           | none          | 2    |
| Thomas A. Trissell P.      | none          | three         | none          | 3    |
| Sylvester J. McBride S     | one           | none          | one           | 2    |
| Benjamin F. Beach D.       | twenty        | thirty four   | thirty two    | 86   |
| Elmer A. Stevens R.        | seventy five  | ninety one    | seventy eight | 244  |
| Blanks.                    | seven         | seven         | nineteen      | 33   |
| Auditor                    |               |               |               |      |
| John Holt P.               | none          | six           | none          | 6    |
| Jeremiah P. McNally S.L.   | none          | one           | none          | 1    |
| Ambrose Miles S.           | one           | none          | none          | 1    |
| Charles C. Paine D.        | twenty one    | thirty four   | twenty nine   | 84   |
| Henry E. Turner R.         | seventy one   | eighty seven  | seventy eight | 236  |
| Blanks                     | ten           | nine          | twenty three  | 42   |
| Attorney General           |               |               |               |      |
| Donnis M. Goff S.L.        | none          | one           | none          | two  |
| Harold Metcalf S           | none          | three         | one           | four |
| John B. Ratigan D.         | nineteen      | twenty nine   | thirty        | 78   |
| James M. Swift R.          | seventy seven | ninety        | eighty one    | 248  |
| Blanks.                    | six           | fourteen      | eighteen      | 38   |
| Congressman (regular term) |               |               |               |      |
| John J. Mitchell D.        | thirty one    | forty nine    | forty seven   | 127  |
| James D. Ryan S.           | none          | one           | none          | 1    |
| William H. Wilder R.       | sixty eight   | seventy eight | seventy six   | 222  |
| Blanks.                    | four          | nine          | seven         | 20   |



|                                     | Precinct 1    | Precinct 2    | Precinct 3    | Total |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| Congressman (to fill vacancy)       |               |               |               |       |
| John J. Mitchell D.                 | thirty one    | forty six     | forty eight   | 125   |
| William H. Wilder R.                | sixty six     | seventy eight | seventy three | 217   |
| Blanks.                             | six           | thirteen      | nine          | 28    |
| Councillor                          |               |               |               |       |
| Herbert E. Fletcher R.              | seventy two   | ninety three  | seventy nine  | 244   |
| J. Helen Mairs D.                   | twenty two    | thirty        | twenty nine   | 81    |
| Blanks.                             | nine          | fourteen      | twenty two    | 45    |
| Senator                             |               |               |               |       |
| Frank P. Bennett Jr R.              | seventy five  | eighty eight  | seventy four  | 257   |
| Philip A. Kelly D.                  | twenty        | thirty four   | thirty five   | 89    |
| Blanks.                             | eight         | fifteen       | twenty one    | 44    |
| Representative in General Court     |               |               |               |       |
| Edward Fisher D.                    | twenty six    | forty two     | thirty seven  | 105   |
| James H. Wilkins R.                 | seventy three | eighty one    | seventy four  | 228   |
| Blanks.                             | four          | fourteen      | nineteen      | 37    |
| County Commissioner (regular term)  |               |               |               |       |
| Charles H. Richardson R.            | seventy one   | eighty six    | seventy seven | 254   |
| Doctor C. Whittemore D.             | twenty five   | thirty six    | thirty three  | 94    |
| Blanks.                             | seven         | fifteen       | twenty        | 42    |
| County Commissioner to fill vacancy |               |               |               |       |
| Winthrop H. Fairbanks               | twenty six    | thirty eight  | thirty two    | 96    |
| Chester B. Williams                 | seventy       | eighty        | seventy six   | 226   |
| Blanks.                             | seven         | nineteen      | twenty two    | 48    |
| Associate Commissioners             |               |               |               |       |
| Leander V. Colahan D.               | fifteen       | thirty        | twenty one    | 66    |
| Joseph L. Marin D.                  | thirteen      | twenty five   | twenty one    | 59    |
| Frank A. Patch R.                   | sixty eight   | seventy       | sixty nine    | 207   |
| Edward Everett Thompson             | fifty five    | sixty four    | fifty four    | 173   |
| Blanks.                             | fifty five    | eighty five   | ninety five   | 235   |
| District Attorney                   |               |               |               |       |
| John J. Higgins R.                  | seventy three | eighty seven  | seventy       | 230   |
| James J. Irwin D.                   | twenty three  | thirty six    | thirty nine   | 98    |
| Blanks.                             | seven         | fourteen      | twenty one    | 42    |
| Sheriff                             |               |               |               |       |
| John R. Fairbairn R.                | seventy five  | ninety two    | seventy seven | 244   |
| Whitfield L. Tuck D.                | twenty three  | thirty three  | twenty eight  | 84    |

|  | Precinct 1 | Precinct 2 | Precinct 3 | Total |
|--|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| Sheriff continued                      |            |            |            |       |
| C. E. Wood                             | none       | none       | two        | 2     |
| J. L. Richardson                       | none       | none       | one        | 1     |
| Blanks.                                | five       | twelve     | twenty two | 39    |
| Total number of ballots cast,          | 103        | 137        | 130        | 370   |
| Total number of names checked,         | 103        | 137        | 130        | 370   |
| Horace F. Tuttle Clerk of Precinct 1   |            |            |            |       |
| Abram Tuttle Clerk of Precinct 2       |            |            |            |       |
| William F. Shelley Clerk of Precinct 3 |            |            |            |       |
| A true record. Attest                  |            |            |            |       |
| Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk            |            |            |            |       |

Vote for Representative in 11<sup>th</sup> Middlesex District  
November 8 1910

|                                | Acton | Ayer | Chelmsford | Carlisle | Littleton | Worcester | Total |
|--------------------------------|-------|------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Edward Fisher of Westford D.   | 105   | 249  | 345        | 34       | 103       | 240       | 1076  |
| James H. Wilkins of Carlisle R | 228   | 165  | 258        | 81       | 71        | 129       | 932   |
| Blanks.                        | 37    | 46   | 44         | 3        | 16        | 21        | 167   |
|                                | 370   | 460  | 647        | 118      | 190       | 390       | 2175  |

Horace F. Tuttle Town clerk of Acton  
 Guy B. Remick " " Ayer  
 Frank H. Billington " " Carlisle  
 Edward J. Robbins " " Chelmsford.  
 Charles A. Kimball " " Littleton  
 Edward Fisher " " Westford

Warrant for the Annual Meeting  
March 27, 1911  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex, Greeting;  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall in said town on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of March, 1911 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following articles, namely:-

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Town Officers.
- Art. 3. To see if the town will change the term of its selectmen so that hereafter one shall be chosen annually for the term of three years.
- Art. 4. To choose all necessary town officers not named in Article 2 and fix salaries.
- Art. 5. To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Library Trustees and other Town Officers.
- Art. 6. To hear and act upon the report of any Committee chosen to report at this meeting.
- Art. 7. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the due observance of Memorial Day.

- Art. 8. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the repairing <sup>and bridge</sup> of roads and bridges or act anything therein.
- Art. 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of its Selectmen, to borrow money for the town if necessary, in anticipation of taxes the current year.
- Art. 10. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of Memorial Library this present year.
- Art. 11. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of schools the present year.
- Art. 12. To see what amount of money the town will raise and appropriate for the purchase of school supplies and repairs and improvements upon school buildings and grounds.
- Art. 13. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor laws, or act anything therein.
- Art. 14. To see what amount of money the town will appropriate for the care of cemeteries, or act anything therein.
- Art. 15. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to copy for the State Archives, and for publication by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, under Chap 47B of the Acts of 1902, the vital records of the Town to the year 1850.
- Art. 16. To see if the Town will take any action in reference to building a High School building the present year or rescind any vote or votes passed at any previous



meetings in reference to location or building of a High school building in town, or act anything thereon

Art. 17 To see what amount of money the town will raise for maintenance of Fire department, or act anything thereon

Art. 18 To see what action the Town will take in reference to the extermination of the gypsy and brown tail moth.

Art. 19 To see what amount of money the town will raise for town charges.

Art. 20 To see what action the town will take in reference to the collection of taxes

Art. 21 To see what action the town will take in reference to street lamps the present year

Art. 22 To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to contract with the American Woolen Co. for one hundred electric street lights or act anything thereon

Art. 23 To see what action the Town will take in regard to the extermination of the elm leaf beetle

Art. 24 To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 624, Acts of 1910, relative to the appointment of Town Accountant, and fix salary of same or act anything thereon

Art. 25 To see if the Town will vote to macadam the Snow road from the South Acton Coal and Lumber Co's yard, to the cross road, near W. A. Flint's farm, or act anything thereon

Art. 26 To see if the Town will take action to furnish tablets for soldiers that went to Spanish-American war of 1898 or act anything thereon

Art. 27 To see if the Town will instruct the Overseers of the Poor to contract out the medical attendance for the poor the ensuing year.

Art. 28 To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to order gates established at the Andrew Hapgood crossing, and the crossing near house of Sidney L. Richardson or act anything thereon

Art. 29 To see if the Town will vote to fund Treasurer and Collector in an Indemnity Company, appropriate money for the same, or act anything thereon

Art. 31 To see if the Town will vote to widen the bridge near the cemetery at West Acton and the approaches thereto or act anything thereon

Art. 32 To vote by ballot, Yes or No, on the question, "Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale of intoxicating liquors"

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting copies attested by you, in the following places, one in each of the Post offices and Railroad Stations, one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co, W. E. Whitcomb, M. E. Taylor & Co, Tuttle & Newton, Finney & Hoist, George H. Reed, and one at the Nagog House, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting. And if fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time for holding said meeting

Given under our hands in Acton the twentieth  
day of March, in the year one thousand nine  
hundred and eleven

signed Asaph Merriam

James B Tuttle

Charles B. Stone

Selectmen of Acton

Middlesex. S.S.

March 20<sup>th</sup> 1911

I have served the within warrant by posting up an  
attested copy of the same at each of the several places  
as designated in the warrant seven days before the  
said twenty seventh day of March 1911 as within  
directed

William F. Sheros Constable of Acton

A true record attest

Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk

## Proceedings of the Annual Meeting March 27 1911

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Acton held on Monday  
March 27 1911 at nine o'clock A.M. the articles in the  
warrant for said meeting were acted upon in the following  
manner, viz:

The meeting was called to order at nine o'clock A.M. by the  
Town Clerk. It was voted by the meeting to dispense with  
the reading of the warrant in full.

The ballot clerks, Abram Tuttle, C. D. Gram Charles E.

Smith, Robert F. Robbins and William T. Merriam

appointed by the Selectmen were sworn by the Town Clerk

Art. 1. Allen Brooks Parker was chosen Moderator by ballot  
unanimously

Art. 2 The polls were opened at 9.15 o'clock A.M. and  
remained open continuously until 4.20 o'clock P.M.  
when it was voted to close the polls.

The total number of ballots cast was three hundred and  
ninety three and this was the number of male votes  
checked on the voting list. No special ballots for women  
votes being cast. The following is a true record of the  
names of all persons voted for, the number of votes  
received for each person, and the title of the office  
for which he was proposed.

Town Clerk

Horace F. Tuttle two hundred eighty one. qualified

Arthur F. Davis one.

Selectmen

James P. Brown two hundred twenty qualified

Edgar H. Hall three hundred twenty two qualified

Willis L. Holden three hundred ten qualified

Lyman C. Taylor one hundred eighty two.



## Assessor.

William F. Stevens three hundred three qualified  
Census of the Poor.

Edgar H. Hall three hundred four qualified  
Willis L. Holden three hundred qualified  
William F. Kelley two hundred one qualified  
Lyman C. Taylor one hundred seventy three

## Treasurer

Frank W. Hoyt Two hundred forty qualified  
Allen Brooks Parker one hundred thirty eight

## Collector of Taxes.

William F. Stevens Three hundred, twenty six qualified

## Auditor

William J. Merriam three hundred one qualified

## Constables

Albert S. Bradley three hundred twenty qualified  
William C. Coughlin two hundred eighty nine " "  
J. Linwood Richardson two hundred sixty nine " "  
William F. Stevens two hundred ninety three " "

## Road Commissioner

William H. Kingsley two hundred seventy four qualified

## Field Drivers

Albert S. Bradley two hundred eighty one qualified  
William C. Coughlin two hundred sixty nine "  
J. Linwood Richardson two hundred fifty three "  
William F. Stevens two hundred sixty five "

## Fence Viewers

Edgar H. Hall. two hundred eighty nine qualified  
Willis L. Holden two hundred eighty three qualified  
Lyman C. Taylor two hundred forty five

## School Committee

Edwin A. Phalen three hundred sixteen qualified

## Cemetery Commissioner

Herbert T. Clark two hundred eighty five

## Board of Health

James B. Tuttle two hundred ninety one qualified

## Trustee of Memorial Library

J. Sidney White two hundred ninety nine

## Tree Wardens

William H. Kingsley two hundred ninety three qualified

Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating  
liquors in this town?

Total number of ballots. 393

Yes. 152

No. 221

Art. 3. Voted: that the town accept the provisions of ch. 567  
Chap. 560 of the Acts of 1907 so far as it relates  
to the election of Selectmen and at its next annual  
meeting, elect one for the term of one year, one for the term  
of two years, and one for the term of three years and  
at each annual meeting thereafter one for the term of  
three years as the term of office of one expires

Art. 4. Voted: that the Selectmen be instructed to appoint  
Surveyors of lumber, wood, hoops and staves

Chas. Luther Conant. Trustee of the Goodnow Fund  
for three years.

Voted. That the salary of the Road Commissioners be two  
and one half dollars per day nine hours to constitute  
a day.

Voted. That the salary of the Tax collector be one per centum  
of the amount collected and that he perform all the  
duties hitherto performed by said officer

Voted: To fix the salary of the Treasurer at two hundred  
dollars per annum.

- Act. 4 Voted, to leave the matter of Auditors salary with the Selectmen
- Act. 5 Voted. To accept the reports of the several town officers
- Act. 6 No reports presented
- Act. 7 Voted to raise fifty dollars for Memorial Day
- Act. 8 Voted to raise five thousand dollars for repairing and building roads and bridges and eight hundred dollars to purchase a new engine for the stone crusher
- Act. 9 Voted. to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the town, if necessary in anticipation of taxes the current year
- Act. 10 Voted. To raise two hundred dollars for books and four hundred dollars for current expenses.
- Act. 11 Voted to raise for common schools. 6000.  
+ 12 high schools. 5800.  
school supplies 550.  
transportation of pupils 1600.  
salary of Supt 135.  
medical inspection of pupils 75.  
repairs on school buildings }  
and grounds. } 300.  
fire escapes 400.  
miscellaneous school expenses. 100  
\$14960.
- Act. 13 Voted, that the unexpended balance of money for the enforcement of the liquor laws be appropriated for the enforcement of the liquor laws the current year
- Act. 14 Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars.

- Act. 15. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to copy the vital records for the State Archives and that the Moderator appoint a committee of three to carry out the vote  
The following Committee was appointed by the Moderator  
Horace F. Tuttle Luther Comant Edgar H. Hall
- Act. 16 Voted, to build this year a high school building on Moses Reed's hill near Adon Center at a cost of \$15000. Hand vote. 90 in favor 86 opposed.
- Voted. To rescind all votes of previous meetings relating to the location and building of a high school building including the choice of a building committee  
Hand vote taken 107 votes in the aff. 47 in the negative
- Voted, That the town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars for the purchase of a site and the erection of a high school building
- Voted. To choose a building committee to consist of the three Selectmen, the three members of the school Committee and three to be chosen by the meeting  
Horace F. Tuttle Arthur F. Blanchard and  
L. A. Hesultson were chosen members of this committee by the meeting  
Horace F. Tuttle was excused and E. Faulkner Comant chosen to fill the vacancy
- Act. 17 Voted, to raise four hundred dollars and one hundred dollars additional to provide for the purchase of hand extinguishers in accordance with a vote passed last year.
- Act. 18 Voted, to raise the sum required by State law
- Act. 19 Voted, to pass over the article



- Art. 20 Voted; That the Collector charge interest at the rate of five per cent per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of November next.
- Voted; That poll and personal tax only be payable on demand that the collector shall issue summons for all personal and poll taxes only remaining unpaid September 1<sup>st</sup> that the collector shall collect all taxes committed to him within the municipal year in which they are assessed.
- Art. 21 Voted, to pass over the article.
- Art. 22 Voted. That the town accept the conditions and prices as submitted by the American Woven Co. and that the Selectmen be instructed to install one hundred electric street lamps with authority to contract for eighteen additional lamps, if found necessary to light the territory now lighted by the town, the distribution and location of said lights to be left to their discretion and that two thousand dollars be raised and appropriated for this purpose and for maintaining such other lamps as in their judgment they deem expedient to continue.
- Art. 23 Voted, to raise and appropriate four hundred dollars.
- Art. 24 Voted to accept the provisions of Chap. 624 Acts of 1910 relative to the appointment of a Town accountant.
- Art. 26 Voted, that the matter be referred to a committee of three to be appointed by the Moderator to report at the next annual meeting.  
The Moderator appointed the following committee  
Rev. F. P. Wood, Augustus Cosmo, Bertram D. Hall.
- Art. 25 Voted, to leave the matter to the Road Commissioners.
- Art. 27 Voted; that the matter be referred to the Overseers of the Poor.

- Art. 28 Voted; that the Selectmen be requested to order gates at the Andrew Chapgood R.R. crossing in West Acton, the R.R. crossing near the residence of Sidney L. Richardson and the Martin St crossing in South Acton.
- Art. 29 Voted, that the town bond its Treasurer in an Indemnity Company.  
Voted to appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to provide for a bond to secure the sum of ten thousand dollars.
- Art. 30 Voted; to pass over the article.
- Art. 31 Voted; to refer the matter to the Road Commissioners.
- Art. 32 Voted. Yes. 152. No 221.  
Voted unanimously the following resolution:  
That the inhabitants of Acton in Town Meeting assembled, March 27, 1911 in recognition of the courtesy, ability and faithfulness of the retiring Town Treasurer, Mr. J. H. W. Wetherbee who has served the town in that capacity for more than thirty years hereby express their thanks to him and their best wishes for the present and future.
- Voted; That the Town Clerk be directed to send to Mr. Wetherbee a copy of these resolutions and that the same be placed upon the records of this meeting.
- Voted; to adjourn.
- A true record. Attest  
Horace F. Tuttle  
Town Clerk

# Warrant for the State Primary Election September 26 1911.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex ss.

To <sup>the</sup> Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex, Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the polling places in the several precincts to which they respectively belong on Tuesday the twenty-sixth day of September 1911 at six o'clock P.M. then and there to bring in their votes on one ballot to nominate a candidate for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of the Commonwealth, Attorney General, Councilor, Senator, One Representative in General Court, County Commissioner, Clerk of Courts, Register of Deeds and to elect District members of the State Committee, Members of Town Committees and Delegates to the State Conventions.

The polling places in the several precincts will be as follows:- Precinct One in the Town Hall.

Precinct Two, in the vestry of the Universalist Church South Acton. Precinct Three, in the Fire House West Acton. The polls will be opened at six o'clock P.M. and may be closed at nine o'clock P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting copies attested by you in the following places: one in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co, W. E. Whitcomb, M. E. Taylor & Co. Tuttle & Newton, Thayer & Hoyt, George H. Reed, and one at the Nagoy House seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meetings, Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen

or Town Clerk on or before the time of holding said meetings Given under our hands in Acton this first day of September in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

Edgar H. Hall, } Selectmen  
Willis L. Holden } of Acton.  
James P. Brown. }

Middlesex ss. Acton Mass. September 13 1911

I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the several places as directed by the Selectmen in the within warrant seven days before the said twenty-sixth day of September 1911 as within directed

William F. Stevens

Constable of Acton

Proceedings of Meetings held September 26, 1911  
in accordance with the preceding warrant.

Record of votes cast at the State Primary Election in Precinct One, Two, and Three.

For candidates of the Republican Party.

| For Governor         | Precinct One | Precinct Two | Precinct Three | Total |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------|
| Louis A. Frothingham | twenty five  | seventeen    | forty two      | 84    |
| Joseph A. Walker     | five         | ten          | ten            | 34    |
| Norman H. White      | one          | four         | four           | 9     |
| Blanks.              | three        | two          | three          | 8     |
| Lieut. Gov.          |              |              |                |       |
| Robert Luce          | thirty one   | forty two    | fifty five     | 128   |
| Blanks.              | three        | none         | four           | 7     |
| Secretary            |              |              |                |       |
| Alfred P. Langley    | twenty five  | twenty seven | thirty three   | 85    |
| Russell A. Wood      | six          | two          | fifteen        | 33    |
| Blanks.              | three        | three        | eleven         | 17    |
| Treasurer            |              |              |                |       |
| Elmer A. Stevens     | thirty one   | forty one    | fifty one      | 123   |
| Blanks.              | three        | one          | eight          | 12    |



| Auditor                         | Precinct One | Precinct Two | Precinct Three | Total |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------|
| Herbert W Burr                  | eight        | eleven       | sixteen        | 35    |
| John E White                    | nineteen     | twenty six   | thirty         | 75    |
| Blanks                          | seven        | five         | thirteen       | 25    |
| Attorney General                |              |              |                |       |
| James M Swift                   | thirty one   | forty        | fifty          | 121   |
| Blanks                          | three        | two          | nine           | 14    |
| Councillor                      |              |              |                |       |
| Herbert E Fisher                | thirty       | thirty seven | fifty four     | 121   |
| Blanks                          | four         | five         | five           | 14    |
| Senator                         |              |              |                |       |
| Frank P Bennett Jr              | thirty three | thirty eight | fifty four     | 125   |
| Blanks                          | one          | four         | five           | 10    |
| Representative in General Court |              |              |                |       |
| Samuel L Taylor                 | thirty two   | forty        | fifty three    | 125   |
| Blanks                          | two          | two          | six            | 10    |
| County Commissioner             |              |              |                |       |
| Charles W. Allen                | seven        | twelve       | fourteen       | 33    |
| Levi S. Gould                   | twenty nine  | twenty six   | thirty three   | 81    |
| Blanks                          | five         | four         | twelve         | 21    |
| Register of Deeds               |              |              |                |       |
| Edwin O. Childs                 | twenty nine  | thirty nine  | forty seven    | 115   |
| Blanks                          | five         | three        | twelve         | 20    |
| Clerk of Courts                 |              |              |                |       |
| William C Dillingham            | thirty one   | thirty nine  | fifty seven    | 120   |
| Blanks                          | three        | three        | nine           | 15    |
| State Committee 7th. Mid        |              |              |                |       |
| James Wilson Grimes             | twenty nine  | forty        | forty nine     | 118   |
| Blanks                          | five         | two          | ten            | 17    |
| Delegates to State Convention   |              |              |                |       |
| James A. Grimes                 | twenty seven | thirty four  | fifty one      | 112   |
| David C Harris                  | twenty five  | thirty six   | forty nine     | 110   |
| Town Committee                  |              |              |                |       |
| James A. Grimes                 | twenty nine  | thirty nine  | fifty one      | 119   |
| Frank A. Haxall                 | thirty       | "            | "              | 120   |
| Frank W. Hoit                   | thirty       | "            | "              | 120   |
| Lyman C Taylor                  | twenty nine  | "            | "              | 119   |

|  |              |              |                |       |
|--|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------|
| Amos C. Piper                                | twenty seven | thirty nine  | fifty one      | 117   |
| David C Harris                               | twenty seven | "            | "              | 117   |
| Moses E Taylor                               | thirty       | "            | "              | 120   |
| Horace F Tuttle                              | twenty nine  | "            | "              | 119   |
| Charles J. Colton                            | twenty nine  | "            | "              | 119   |
| Total Balls cast                             | 34           | 42           | 59             | 135   |
| " Names checked                              | 34           | 42           | 59             | 135   |
| Votes for candidates of the Democratic Party |              |              |                |       |
| Tra. Governor                                | Precinct One | Precinct Two | Precinct Three | Total |
| Eugene St. Foss                              | one          | two          | nine           | 12    |
| Thomas L. Higgen                             | none         | none         | none           | 0.    |
| Blanks                                       | none         | none         | two            | 2     |
| Lieut Governor                               |              |              |                |       |
| David J. Walsh                               | one          | two          | ten            | 13    |
| Blanks                                       | none         | none         | one            | 1     |
| Secretary                                    |              |              |                |       |
| Frank J. Donahue                             | one          | one          | seven          | 9     |
| Edward O Skelton                             | none         | one          | two            | 3     |
| Blanks                                       | none         | none         | two            | 2     |
| Treasurer                                    |              |              |                |       |
| Augustus L. Thorndike                        | one          | one          | nine           | 11    |
| Blanks                                       | none         | one          | two            | 3     |
| Auditor                                      |              |              |                |       |
| Charles B. Stricker                          | one          | one          | nine           | 11    |
| Blanks                                       | none         | one          | two            | 3     |
| Attorney General                             |              |              |                |       |
| George W. Anderson                           | one          | none         | nine           | 10    |
| Joseph J. Leonard                            | none         | one          | none           | 1     |
| Blanks                                       | none         | one          | two            | 3     |
| Councillor                                   |              |              |                |       |
| no candidate                                 |              |              |                | —     |
| Senator                                      |              |              |                |       |
| Philip A. Kelly                              | one          | one          | eight          | 10    |
| Blanks                                       | none         | one          | three          | 4     |
| Representative in General Court              |              |              |                |       |
| Edward Fisher                                | one          | two          | ten            | 13    |
| Blanks                                       | none         | none         | one            | 1     |

|                              | Precinct 1 | Precinct 2 | Precinct 3 | Total |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| County Commissioner          |            |            |            |       |
| Charles J. Barton            | one        | one        | ten        | 12    |
| Blanks                       | none       | one        | one        | 2     |
| Register of Deeds            |            |            |            |       |
| Charles Leo Shea             | one        | one        | eight      | 10    |
| Blanks                       | none       | one        | three      | 4     |
| Clerk of Courts              |            |            |            |       |
| Thomas F. Stearns            | one        | one        | nine       | 11    |
| Blanks                       | none       | one        | two        | 3     |
| State Committee              |            |            |            |       |
| No candidate                 | —          | —          | —          | —     |
| Delegate to State Convention |            |            |            |       |
| James Hinsley                | one        | none       | eight      | 9     |
| William F. Kelley            | none       | one        | none       | 1     |
| Blanks                       | none       | one        | three      | 4     |
| Town Committee               |            |            |            |       |
| William F. Kelley            | one        | two        | ten        | 13    |
| Edwin T. Swift               | one        | two        | ten        | 13    |
| James Hinsley                | one        | one        | ten        | 12    |
| Thomas J. Kearon             | one        | two        | ten        | 13    |
| William C. Coughlin          | one        | two        | ten        | 13    |
| Fritz Haaves                 | none       | one        | none       | 1     |
| Blanks                       |            |            |            |       |

|   |    |    |    |     |
|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Total no of Republican Ballots cast.                    | 34 | 42 | 59 | 135 |
| Total no of Democratic Ballots cast.                    | 1  | 2  | 11 | 14  |
| Total no of Republicans enrolled, or checked as voting. | 34 | —  | 42 | 59  |
| Total no of Democrats enrolled, or checked as voting.   | 1  | —  | 2  | 11  |

No Ballots of the Democratic Progressive Party were cast

A true record of the vote as returned by the Clerks of the several Precincts

Attest Horace F. Tuttle

Town Clerk

## Warrant for the State Election

November 7<sup>th</sup> 1911.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex s.s.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton, in the County of Middlesex: Greeting:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the polling places in the several precincts to which they respectively belong, on Tuesday the seventh day of November 1911 Then and there to bring in their votes on one ballot for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of the Commonwealth, Attorney General, Councillor, Senator One Representative in General Court, County Commissioners, Clerk of Courts, Register of Deeds.

The polling places in the several precincts will be as follows; Precinct One, In the Town Hall.

Precinct Two; In the Vestry of the Universalist Church, South Acton.

Precinct Three; In the Fire House West Acton

The polls will be opened at 6.30<sup>o'clock</sup> A.M. and may be closed at 4 o'clock P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting copies attested by you in the following places, one in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations, one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co, W. E. Whitcomb, M. E. Taylor & Co. Tuttle & Newton, Finney & Hoyt, George H. Reed and one at the Sagoy House seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meetings.

Should fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time for holding said meetings.

Given under our hands in Acton this twenty third day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven



Edgar H. Hall, }  
James P. Brown } Selectmen  
Wills L. Holden } of Acton

Middlesex ss. October 26 1911

I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the several places designated in the warrant seven days before the time appointed viz November 7<sup>th</sup> 1911 as within directed

W<sup>m</sup> F. Stevens Constable of Acton

Proceedings of Meetings held Nov. 7, 1911

in accordance with the preceding warrant in Precincts, 1, 2, and 3, in the Town of Acton.

The following is a record of the names of all persons voted for, the number of votes received for each person, the title of the office for which he was proposed and the number of blank ballots received for each office Party designations, S. Socialist, D. Democratic, D.P. Democratic Progressive, R. Republican, S.L. Socialist Labor, P. Prohibition Votes.

| For Governor.                   | Precinct 1.  | Precinct 2.     | Precinct 3.  | Total |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-------|
| James F. Carey S.               | none         | one             | none         | 1     |
| Eugene N. Foss, D.              | twenty       | thirty six      | twenty eight | 84    |
| Eugene N. Foss, D.P.            | four         | seven           | six          | 17    |
| Eugene N. Foss, No. Designation | one          | none            | two          | 3     |
| Louis A. Frothingham R.         | eighty four  | ninety five     | ninety eight | 277   |
| Dennis McGoff S.L.              | none         | none            | none         | 0     |
| Frank J. Rand. P.               | none         | four            | two          | 6     |
| Blanks.                         | two          | none            | two          | 4     |
| Lieut. Governor                 |              |                 |              |       |
| Walter S. Hutchins S.           | none         | one             | none         | 1     |
| Robert Luce R.                  | eighty       | one hundred one | ninety five  | 276   |
| William G. Merrill. P.          | one          | one             | two          | 4     |
| Patrick Mulligan S.L.           | none         | none            | none         | 0     |
| David J. Walsh D & D.P.         | twenty eight | thirty five     | thirty five  | 98    |
| Blanks.                         | two          | five            | six          | 13    |

| Secretary                  | Precinct 1.  | Precinct 2.       | Precinct 3.  | Total |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-------|
| David Craig, S.L.          | none         | four              | none         | 4     |
| Frank J. Donahue D & D.P.  | twenty six   | twenty three      | thirty       | 79    |
| Alfred H. Evans, P.        | three        | three             | none         | 6     |
| Rose Fenner S.             | none         | two               | none         | 2     |
| Albert P. Langtry R.       | twenty nine  | ninety eight      | ninety three | 270   |
| Blanks                     | three        | thirteen          | fifteen      | 31    |
| Treasurer                  |              |                   |              |       |
| Joseph M. Goldwell, S.     | none         | two               | none         | 2     |
| Jeremiah P. McSally S.L.   | none         | one               | one          | 2     |
| Charles E. Peakes P.       | none         | two               | one          | 3     |
| Elmer A. Stevens R.        | eighty       | ninety nine       | ninety six   | 275   |
| Augustus L. Thorndike D.P. | twenty six   | twenty eight      | twenty seven | 81    |
| Blanks                     | five         | eleven            | thirteen     | * 29  |
| Auditor                    |              |                   |              |       |
| Karl Lindstrand S.L.       | none         | two               | none         | 2     |
| Sylvester J. McBride S.    | none         | one               | none         | 1     |
| William W. Nash. P.        | one          | four              | two          | 7     |
| Charles B. Shuck D & D.P.  | twenty three | twenty five       | twenty seven | 75    |
| John E. White R.           | twenty eight | ninety eight      | eighty nine  | 265   |
| Blanks                     | nine         | thirteen          | twenty       | 42    |
| Attorney General.          |              |                   |              |       |
| George W. Anderson D.P.    | twenty five  | twenty eight      | thirty two   | 85    |
| Henry C. Hees S.L.         | none         | none              | none         | 0     |
| George E. Rower Jr. S.     | none         | two               | none         | 2     |
| James M. Swift. R.         | eighty       | one hundred two   | eighty nine  | 271   |
| Blanks                     | six          | eleven            | seventeen    | 34    |
| Councillors                |              |                   |              |       |
| Leander V. Colahan S.      | twenty       | twenty four       | twenty four  | 68    |
| Herbert E. Fletcher R.     | eighty four  | one hundred eight | ninety six   | 288   |
| Blanks                     | seven        | eleven            | eighteen     | 36    |
| Senators                   |              |                   |              |       |
| Frank P. Bennett Jr. R.    | eighty one   | one hundred two   | ninety nine  | 282   |
| Philip A. Kiely D.         | twenty four  | thirty three      | thirty two   | 89    |
| Blanks                     | six          | eight             | seven        | 21    |

|   | Precinct 1,      | Precinct 2       | Precinct 3   | Total<br>Vote |
|---|------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Representative in General Court   |                  |                  |              |               |
| Edward Fisher D.  | thirty seven     | forty three      | forty nine   | 139           |
| Samuel L Taylor R.  | seventy          | eighty five      | seventy six  | 231           |
| Blanks.   | four             | five             | thirteen     | 22            |
| County Commissioner   |                  |                  |              |               |
| Charles J. Barton D.  | twenty three     | thirty six       | twenty eight | 87            |
| Levi S. Gould R.  | eighty           | ninety eight     | ninety       | 268           |
| Blanks.   | eight            | nine             | twenty (20)  | 37            |
| Clerk of Courts   |                  |                  |              |               |
| William C. Dillingham R.  | eighty           | one hundred one  | eighty eight | 269           |
| Thomas F. Hearn D. R.   | twenty four      | thirty one       | twenty six   | 81            |
| Blanks.   | seven            | eleven           | twenty four  | 42            |
| Register of Deeds   |                  |                  |              |               |
| Edwin O. Childs R.  | eighty two       | one hundred five | ninety one   | 278           |
| Charles Leo Shea D.   | twenty           | twenty four      | twenty three | 67            |
| Blanks.   | nine             | fourteen         | twenty four  | 47            |
| Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution authorizing the use of voting machines at all elections be approved and ratified?  | Yes, fifty       | seventy three    | forty five   | 178           |
|   | No, twenty three | twenty five      | nineteen     | 67            |
| Blanks.   | thirty eight     | forty five       | sixty four   | 147           |
| Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution, increasing the power of the Legislature to authorize the taking of land and property for highways or streets be approved and ratified?  | Yes, forty four  | sixty two        | forty one    | 157           |
|   | No, twenty five  | thirty four      | twenty five  | 84            |
| Blanks.   | forty two        | forty seven      | sixty two    | 151           |
| Shall an act passed by the general court in the year 1911, entitled, An Act authorizing the counties of the Commonwealth to establish retirement systems for their employees be accepted? | Yes, twenty five | forty six        | forty six    | 127           |
|   | No, forty one    | thirty eight     | thirty two   | 111           |
| Blanks.   | forty five       | forty nine       | sixty        | 154           |

|                                | Precinct 1. | Precinct 2 | Precinct 3. | Total |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------|
| Total number of ballots cast.  | 111.        | 143        | 138         | 392   |
| Total number of votes checked. | 111.        | 143        | 138         | 392   |

Horace F. Tuttle Clerk of Precinct 1

Abram Tuttle Clerk of Precinct 2

William F. Kelly Clerk of Precinct 3

A true record. Attest

Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk

Vote for Representative November 7, 1911  
in 11<sup>th</sup> Middlesex District

|                                | Acton | Ayer | Carlsdale | Chelmsford | Littleton | Westford |      |
|--------------------------------|-------|------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|------|
| Edward Fisher of Westford, D   | 139   | 232  | 59        | 341        | 88        | 222      | 1081 |
| Samuel L Taylor of Westford R. | 231   | 196  | 35        | 356        | 87        | 159      | 1064 |
| Blanks.                        | 22    | 27   | 2         | 54         | 11        | 20       | 136  |
|                                | 392   | 455  | 96        | 751        | 186       | 401      | 2281 |

Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk of Acton

Guy B. Romick " " Ayer

Herbert A. Lee " " Carlsdale

Edward J. Robbins " " Chelmsford

Charles A. Kimball " " Littleton

Edward Fisher " " Westford



# Warrant for a Special Town Meeting

April 20 1911

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex, S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex, Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall in said town on Thursday the twentieth day of April, 1911, at half past seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit;

Art. 1 To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

Art. 2 To see if the Town will vote to rescind its vote of March 27, 1911, whereby it voted to build this year a high school building on Moses Reed's Hill near Acton Center at a cost of \$15,000. and to raise and appropriate said sum for the purchase of a site and the erection of a high school building or act anything thereon.

Art. 3 To see if the Town will vote to build an addition to either of its school houses for the use of its high school or act anything thereon

Art. 4 To see if the Town will vote to locate and build a high school building this year and to raise and appropriate a sum of — for such site and building or for such additions, or borrow such money on a term of years, or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting copies, attested by you, in the following places, one in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations of the

Town, one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co, W. E. Whitcomb, M. E. Taylor & Co, Tuttle & Newton, Finney & Hoit, George H. Reed, and one at the Stage House seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time for holding said meeting given under our hands in Acton this tenth day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven

Edgar H. Hall. } Selectmen  
James P. Brown } of Acton  
Willis L. Holden }

Acton, Massachusetts April 12, 1911

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have posted copies thereof duly attested by me as within directed

William F. Stevens Constable of Acton

Proceedings of the Special Town Meeting  
held April 20, 1911.

At a special town meeting held April 20, 1911.  
the articles in the warrant for said meeting were  
acted upon as follows:—

Meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk at 7.30  
o'clock P.M.

Art. 1. Allen Brooks Parker was chosen moderator

Voted, That the Moderator appoint four tellers  
Charles E. Smith, William T. Merriam, Elmer C. Cheney  
and Arthur M. Whitcomb, were appointed tellers.

Art. 2 On motion of David C. Harris

Voted, not to dismiss the article.

Mr. Nash offered a motion that an informal vote be  
taken on the question of rescinding.

Mr. Guilford offered an amendment that a formal vote  
be taken on the question of rescinding.

Mr. Harris made a motion to divide the article so that  
the question of rescinding the vote to raise <sup>the</sup> money  
shall be acted upon first.

Motion of Mr. Harris was lost. 114 voting in favor  
127 against. The vote being taken by standing.

Voted; To rescind the votes of March 27, 1911, whereby  
the town voted to build this year a high school  
building on Moses Reed's hill near Acton Center  
at a cost of \$4,500.00, and to raise and appropriate  
said sum for the purchase of a site and the erection  
of a high school building.

Art. 3 Voted to pass over the article

Art. 4 Voted that the article be referred to a special committee  
that said special committee be chosen as follows:  
The Moderator shall name three gentlemen as a Nominating  
Committee, said Nominating Committee shall name  
nine gentlemen as candidates to be voted upon by the  
town at this meeting, Should the town reject any so

nominated said Nominating Committee shall name others  
until nine are chosen by the town. The nine so chosen  
shall constitute said special committee.

Voted. That said special committee be and is hereby instructed  
to inquire into all matters which may properly come  
before the town for action under said article and shall  
report in writing to the town at its next annual meeting  
their recommendations together with their reasons for the same.  
Voted. That said report shall be printed at the expense of the town.  
On motion of Mr. Guilford Voted, that the Special  
Committee be allowed to report to the town at their  
discretion.

William H. Kingsley, William Rawitzer, and Bertram  
D. Hall, were appointed a Nominating Committee by  
the Moderator.

The nominating committee reported the following to act  
as a Special Committee.

Webster C. Robbins, Asaph Merriam, Fred C. Nash  
J. Sidney White Frank W. Hoyt Edgar H. Hall  
Leather Conant. J. Sterling Moore Arthur M. Whitcomb.

Voted, to excuse Webster C. Robbins and chose James B. Tuttle  
to fill the vacancy.

Voted, that the persons named by the nominating committee  
with the substitution of James B. Tuttle for Webster C. Robbins  
constitute the special committee.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record, Attest.  
Horace F. Tuttle  
Town Clerk



Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting  
March 25 1912.  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Acton in the County of Middlesex: Greeting:-  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to assemble in the town hall in said town on Monday the twenty fifth day of March 1912 at nine o'clock in the forenoon Then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:-

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- Art. 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following town officers, Town Clerk for one year, one Selectmen for one year, one Selectmen for two years, one Selectmen for three years, Three Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Auditor, Tree Warden, four Constables, four Field Drivers, three Fence Viewers all for one year. One Assessor, one Road Commissioner, one Trustee of Memorial Library one member of the School Committee, one Cemetery Commissioner and one member of the Board of Health all for three years.

Also on the same ballot with the above named officers to vote upon the following question, Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town

The polls will be opened at 9.30 A. M. and may be closed at 4 o'clock P. M.

- Art. 3 To choose all necessary town officers not named in article 2. and fix salaries

- Art. 4. To see if the town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee Library Trustees and other town officers
- Art. 5. To hear and act upon the reports of any committees chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported
- Art. 6. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the due observance of Memorial Day
- Art. 7 To see what amount of money the town will raise for the repairing and building of roads and bridges or act anything thereon
- Art. 8. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of Memorial Library the current year
- Art. 9 To see what amount of money the town will appropriate for the care of cemeteries or act anything thereon
- Art. 10. To see what amount of money the town will raise for maintenance of Fire Department or act anything thereon
- Art. 11 To see if the town will pay for fighting brush fires and fix prices or act anything thereon.
- Art. 12 To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor laws or act anything thereon
- Art. 13 To see if the town will vote to contract with the American Woolen Co for additional electric street lights or take any action in reference to lighting the streets of the town

- Art. 14 To see if the town will build a new bridge to replace the wooden one at East. Acton or act anything thereon.
- Art. 15 To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of its Selectmen to borrow money for the town, if necessary in anticipation of taxes the current year.
- Art. 16 To see if the town will vote to bond its Collector in an Indemnity Company and raise and appropriate money for payment of premiums on Treasurers and Collectors Bonds or act anything thereon.
- Art. 17 To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to build the road across the common in West. Acton as laid out by the County Commissioners and for the damages as assessed or act anything thereon.
- Art. 18 To see if the town will appoint a Town Accountant and fix salary of same or act anything thereon.
- Art. 19 To see what action the town will take in regard to the extermination of the elm leaf beetle.
- Art. 20 To see what action the town will take in reference to the extermination of the gypsy and brown tail moth.
- Art. 21 To see what amount of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools the purchase of school books and supplies, the expense of operating the school plants, repairs and improvements upon school grounds and buildings the transportation of scholars and for any other expense relating to the maintenance of the school department.

- Art. 21<sup>(cont.)</sup> or do or act anything thereon.
- Art. 22 To see if the town will vote to contract with the Town of Concord for a certain number of hydrants in East. Acton or act anything thereon.
- Art. 23 To see what amount of money the town will raise for town charges.
- Art. 24 To see what action the town will take in regard to the collection of taxes.
- Art. 25 To see if the town will vote to place a two cell steel cage in the Fire House at West. Acton for a lockup or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting copies attested by you in the following places, one in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations, one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co. W. E. Whitcomb, M. E. Taylor & Co, Tuttle & Newton Finney & Hoyt, George H. Reed, and one at the Magistrate's room seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting. Given under our hands in Acton this eleventh day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred twelve

signed Edgar H. Hall. } Selectmen  
James P. Brown }  
Willis L. Holden } Acton

Middlesex s.s. I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the several places as designated in the warrant seven days at least before the said twenty fifth day of March 1912 as within directed

William F. Stearns  
Constable of Acton

Acton Mass. March 14 1912.



# Proceedings of the Annual Meeting

March 25 1912.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Acton held on Monday the twenty fifth day of March 1912, at nine o'clock A.M. the articles in the warrant for said meeting were acted upon in the following manner, viz:—

The meeting was called to order at nine o'clock A.M. by the Town Clerk. It was voted to dispense with the reading of the warrant in full.

The ballot clerks appointed by the Selectmen, Herbert F. Robbins, Abram Tuttle, Clarence D. Cram and Charles E. Smith were sworn as tellers by the Town Clerk.

Art. 1. Allen Brooks Parker was chosen Moderator

Art. 2. The Moderator declared the polls open for the election of town officers and vote on the license question at 9.20 o'clock A.M. the polls were open continuously until 4 o'clock P.M.

The total number of ballots cast was 288. and this was the number of male voters checked on the voting lists. No special ballots for women being cast. The following is a true record of the names of all persons voted for, the number of votes received for each person and the title of the office for which he was proposed.

Town Clerk.

Horace F. Tuttle two hundred and fifty seven

Selectmen for three years.

Edgar H. Hall two hundred and thirty seven sworn

Selectman for two years. two hundred and thirty seven sworn

James P. Brown.

Selectman for one year.

Willis L. Holden two hundred and thirty seven sworn.

Selectman for one year.

James B. Tuttle one vote.

Assessor for 3 years.

James B. Tuttle two hundred and twenty seven

Overseers of the Poor for one year.

Edgar H. Hall two hundred thirty eight sworn

Willis L. Holden two hundred thirty five sworn

William F. Kelley two hundred fourteen sworn

Treasurer one year

Frank W. Hoyt two hundred fifty one sworn

Collector of Taxes one year

William F. Stevens two hundred forty five sworn

Auditor one year

William F. Merriam two hundred twenty eight

Constables one year.

Albert S. Bradley two hundred twenty three sworn

William C. Coughlin two hundred three sworn

James Kinsley one hundred sixty five

J. Linwood Richardson one hundred twelve

William F. Stevens two hundred eighteen sworn

Road Commissioners three years

Albert H. Perkins one hundred eighty two sworn

Field Drivers one year.

George W. Daniels one hundred eighty three

Daniel H. Farrar one hundred eighty eight

J. Alfred Goding one hundred eighty seven

Fred. S. Whitcomb one hundred ninety eight

Fence Viewers one year

James P. Brown two hundred one sworn

Edgar H. Hall two hundred four sworn

Willis L. Holden one hundred ninety nine sworn

School Committee three years

Samuel A. Christie one hundred ninety five

Cemetery Commissioners

Julian Tuttle two hundred thirty one

Board of Health three years

Frank E. Tasker one hundred ninety nine  
Trustee of Memorial Library three years

Lucius A. Kesselton two hundred nine  
Tree Warden one year

William H. Kingsley two hundred twenty two sworn

Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating  
liquors in this town?

Yes. eighty six

No. one hundred and eighty

Blanks. twenty two.

Art. 3. Voted, that the Selectmen be instructed to appoint  
surveyors of lumber, wood, hoops and staves.

Chose J. Warren Flagg. Trustee of Goodnow Fund  
for three years.

Voted; That the salary of the Road Commissioners be two and  
one-half dollars per day nine hours to constitute a  
day

Voted; That the salary of the Tax Collector be one per centum  
of the amount collected and that he perform all the  
duties hitherto performed by said officer

Voted; That the salary of the Treasurer be two hundred dollars  
per annum

Voted; To leave the matter of the Auditor's salary with the  
Selectmen

Voted; That the salaries of the Selectmen and Overseers of the  
Poor be the same as last year.

Art. 4 Voted; to accept the reports of the several town officers

Art. 5. The Committee on High School reported in writing  
through its Secretary Frank H. Coit. The report was

accepted and filed

A report was presented by Mr. Augustine Hoosmer for  
the Committee on a Memorial to the Spanish War Veterans

Voted; That the Committee chosen last year be authorized to  
erect a monument to the Spanish War Veterans enlisting  
from Acton at a cost not exceeding five hundred  
dollars.

Voted. That the location be left with said Committee  
A report was presented by the Committee on copying  
the vital records of the town to 1850.

Voted; That the unexpended appropriation of last year be  
appropriated for the same purpose the current year

Art. 6 Voted; to raise One hundred and twenty five (125) dollars.

Art. 7 Voted; To raise six thousand (6000) dollars. the  
same to include all work on roads and bridges except  
the building of the road in West Acton ordered by  
the County Commissioners

Art. 8. Voted; To raise four hundred dollars for current expenses  
and two hundred dollars for books.

Art. 9 Voted; To appropriate six hundred (600) dollars

Art. 10 Voted; To raise and appropriate five hundred and fifty  
(550) <sup>dollars</sup> for maintenance and purchase of supplies.

Voted; To appropriate one hundred dollars for providing hand  
extinguishers in accordance with a previous vote.

Voted; That the Fire Warden publish in the Town Report a  
list of persons who have received fire apparatus under  
said vote.

Art. 11. Voted; To pay to all who assist in putting out forest  
fires and who report to the forest warden. twenty  
five cents per hour.



Art. 12 Voted; That the unexpended balance of any money previously appropriated for the enforcement of the liquor laws, be appropriated

Voted; That the Selectmen be instructed to enforce the laws

Art. 13 Voted; That the Selectmen be authorized to contract with the American Woolen Company for such number of additional street lights as will make the total number one hundred and fifty. Fifty lights to be placed in each precinct

Voted; To appropriate the sum of twenty four hundred (2400) dollars.

Art. 14 Voted; That the Road Commissioners build a new bridge to replace the wooden <sup>one</sup> in East Acton easterly of the residence of J. Warren Flagg.

Art. 15 Voted; That the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, be and is hereby authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the taxes of the municipal year beginning February 1<sup>st</sup> 1912 to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate (15000) fifteen thousand dollars, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the taxes of said municipal year.

Art. 16 Voted; To bond the Collector of Taxes in an Indemnity Company

Voted, To appropriate one hundred dollars for the payment of premiums on Collectors and Treasurers bonds.

Art. 17 Voted; To raise and appropriate seven hundred dollars.

Art. 18 Voted; To pay the Town Accountant thirty cents per hour employed. Voted, to appropriate a sum of money sufficient to pay said accountant

Art. 19 Voted; to appropriate five hundred (500) dollars.

Art. 20 Voted; To raise the sum of money required by the State law.

Voted; That the Selectmen be instructed to appoint the Tree Warden superintendent of moth work.

Art. 21 Voted to raise the sum of sixteen thousand one hundred (16100) dollars for the purposes specified in the School Committee's estimates for the support of schools for the fiscal year 1912-1913, to be found on pages 13 and 14 of the annual report of the School Committee for the year ending January 31 1912.

Voted; to allow the committee to transfer any unexpended balance of any appropriation to any other which may become exhausted and have proven insufficient

Art. 22 Voted; That the Selectmen be authorized to contract with the Town of Concord for the erection and maintenance of not more than eight hydrants in East Acton along the line of the main pipe from Nagog Pond for a term of ten years at an annual rental of twenty three dollars per hydrant.

Art. 23 Voted. To appropriate (5000) Five thousand dollars to be expended as follows: -

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Town Farm.                | 600.  |
| Outside Poor.             | 1000. |
| Soldiers Aid              | 100.  |
| Printing                  | 300.  |
| Buildings & Grounds.      | 300   |
| Police                    | 100.  |
| Board of Health           | 350.  |
| Salaries of Town Officers | 1500. |
| Salary of Town accountant | 200   |
| Miscellaneous.            | 550.  |

Art 24. Voted; That the Collector charge interest at the rate of five per cent per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of November next.

Voted; That poll and personal taxes only be payable on demand.

Voted; That the Collector shall issue summons for all personal and poll taxes only remaining unpaid Sept. 1. That the Collector shall collect all taxes committed to him within the municipal year in which they are assessed.

Art 25 Voted to dismiss the article

Voted to adjourn.

A true record. Attest

Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk.

June 14 1912.

The Selectmen have this day appointed Robert L. Randall as Constable

James P. Brown. Clerk.

Mr Randall qualified before Jona K W Wetherbee J. P.  
June 17, 1912.

Warrant for Presidential Primary April 30, 1912 445

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex, Greeting;  
In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in the polling places in the several precincts to which they respectively belong Tuesday the thirtieth day of April, 1912 at six o'clock P. M. for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the election of candidates of Political Parties for the following offices:

- 8. Delegates at large to National Conventions
  - 2. District Delegates to National Conventions
  - 8 Alternate Delegates at large to National Conventions
  - 2 District Alternate Delegates to National Conventions
- and also to express their preference for candidates for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States

All the above candidates and officers are to be voted for upon one ballot

Polling Places.

Precinct one In the Town Hall. So Acton  
Precinct two In the Vestry of the Universalist Church  
Precinct three In the Fire House West Acton  
The polls will be open from six to eight P. M. And you are required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof seven days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by vote of the town Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting Given under our hands in Acton this twentieth day of April,  
A. D. 1912 (continued over)



Edgar H. Hall, Miller L. Holden, James P. Brown,  
Selectmen of Acton

Windsor ss April 23<sup>d</sup> 1912

Attested copies of the within warrant have been  
posted in the following places, seven days before  
the time appointed for holding said meetings

One at each of the Railroad Stations and Post Offices

One at the store of M. E. Taylor, C. H. Mead & Co.

W. E. Whitcomb, George H. Reed, Finney & Hoyt

Tuttle & Newton and the Nagog House

Wm F. Stevens

Constable of Acton Mass.

Proceedings of Meetings held April 30, 1912  
in accordance with the preceding warrant.

Record of Votes cast in the several Precincts  
For candidates of the Republican Party

Delegates at Large.

|                             | Pct | Pct | Pct |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|                             | 1   | 2   | 3   |     |
| Group 1. Charles S. Baxter. | 28  | 38  | 42  | 108 |
| George W. Coleman           | 27  | 38  | 40  | 105 |
| Frederick Fosdick           | 28  | 38  | 41  | 107 |
| Albert B. Hart.             | 27  | 37  | 40  | 104 |
| Octave A. La Riviere        | 27  | 37  | 41  | 105 |
| James P. Magenis            | 27  | 38  | 40  | 105 |
| Arthur L. Mason             | 27  | 38  | 40  | 105 |
| Alvin G. Weeks.             | 27  | 37  | 40  | 104 |
| Group 2. Frank Seiberlich   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 1   |

|                             |    |    |    |    |
|-----------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Group 3. Winthrop M. Crane. | 28 | 29 | 25 | 82 |
| John L. Bates               | 28 | 30 | 23 | 81 |
| Lucius Tuttle.              | 28 | 30 | 23 | 81 |
| John W. Weeks.              | 29 | 30 | 23 | 82 |
| Samuel B. Cohen             | 28 | 31 | 23 | 82 |
| Samuel J. Elder             | 29 | 30 | 23 | 82 |
| James Flanagan.             | 27 | 30 | 24 | 81 |

Edmond Cole

29 30 23 82

Blanks:

14 11 10 35

Alternate Delegates at Large

Group 1. For Wm H. Taft.

|                     |    |    |    |     |
|---------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| John D. Long        | 38 | 38 | 26 | 102 |
| Benjamin H. Anthony | 38 | 38 | 26 | 102 |
| Frank Vogel         | 38 | 38 | 26 | 102 |
| Joseph Monette      | 38 | 38 | 26 | 102 |
| Charles H. Jones    | 38 | 38 | 26 | 102 |
| Walter Ballantyne   | 38 | 38 | 26 | 102 |
| Isaac L. Roberts    | 38 | 38 | 26 | 102 |
| Ernest G. Adams.    | 38 | 38 | 26 | 102 |

Group II. For Theodore Roosevelt.

|                    |    |    |    |     |
|--------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Charles L. Burrill | 28 | 37 | 44 | 109 |
| Thomas F. Doherty  | 28 | 37 | 44 | 109 |
| Richard R. Flynn   | 27 | 37 | 43 | 107 |
| John Lavabee       | 28 | 37 | 43 | 108 |
| John G. Maxfield   | 27 | 37 | 43 | 107 |
| Max Mitchell       | 27 | 37 | 43 | 107 |
| Cassius A. Ward    | 27 | 37 | 43 | 107 |
| Russell A. Wood.   | 27 | 37 | 43 | 107 |

Blanks.

District Delegates Fourth District

Group 1. For William H. Taft

|                   |    |    |    |     |
|-------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Samuel C. Bennett | 40 | 37 | 31 | 108 |
| Walter B. Morse.  | 40 | 36 | 29 | 105 |

Group 2. For Theodore Roosevelt.

|                      |    |    |    |    |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|
| John M. Hayes        | 27 | 35 | 37 | 99 |
| Frederick P. Grazier | 26 | 35 | 37 | 98 |

Blanks.

4 6 10 20

| Alternate District Delegates Fourth District |       |       |       |     |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| Group 1 For Theodore Roosevelt               | Pct 1 | Pct 2 | Pct 3 |     |
| Harrie C. Hunter                             | 26    | 36    | 37    | 99  |
| John E. Coolidge                             | 26    | 36    | 37    | 99  |
| Group 2 For William H. Taft                  |       |       |       |     |
| Adelbert B. Messer                           | 39    | 31    | 29    | 99  |
| George F. Leslie                             | 38    | 31    | 27    | 96  |
| Blanks.                                      |       |       |       |     |
| Preference for President                     |       |       |       |     |
| Robert M. LaFollette                         | 0     | 0     | 2     | 2   |
| Theodore Roosevelt                           | 25    | 41    | 38    | 104 |
| William Howard Taft                          | 41    | 35    | 31    | 107 |
| Blanks.                                      | 5     | 2     | 7     | 14  |
| For Vice President                           |       |       |       |     |
| Blanks.                                      | 71    | 78    | 78    |     |
| Total no of ballots cast.                    | 71    | 78    | 78    | 227 |

| For Candidates of the Democratic Party |       |       |       |    |
|--|-------|-------|-------|----|
| Delegates at Large.                    | Pct 1 | Pct 2 | Pct 3 |    |
| Frank J. Donahue                       | 3     | 4     | 3     | 10 |
| E. Gerry Brown                         | 1     | 1     | 0     | 2  |
| John W. Coughlin                       | 5     | 5     | 11    | 21 |
| John F. Fitzgerald                     | 4     | 7     | 11    | 22 |
| William Hayes                          | 4     | 5     | 9     | 18 |
| Charles J. Martell                     | 4     | 5     | 9     | 18 |
| Humphrey Sullivan                      | 4     | 4     | 10    | 18 |
| Charles B. Stricker                    | 5     | 5     | 9     | 19 |
| David J. Walsh                         | 5     | 8     | 11    | 24 |
| Henry F. Burt                          | 3     | 3     | 0     | 6  |
| Henry J. Schaefer                      | 1     | 3     | 0     | 4  |
| George Fred Williams                   | 2     | 4     | 2     | 8  |

|                 | Pct 1 | Pct 2 | Pct 3 | total |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| John P. Sweeney | 1     | 1     | 0     | 2     |
| James H. Vahry  | 2     | 5     | 6     | 13    |
| John A. Keltner | 1     | 1     | 1     | 3     |
| Blanks.         | 0     | 2     | 1     | 3     |

| Alternate Delegates at Large |   |   |    |    |
|------------------------------|---|---|----|----|
| James M. Folan               | 2 | 4 | 1  | 7  |
| Joseph J. Leonard            | 3 | 3 | 2  | 8  |
| Andrew A. Bataracco          | 4 | 5 | 9  | 18 |
| Charles F. Campbell          | 5 | 5 | 10 | 20 |
| Peter J. Flaherty            | 5 | 4 | 10 | 19 |
| James M. Folan               | 4 | 5 | 9  | 18 |
| Daniel H. McGuire            | 5 | 5 | 9  | 19 |
| Luke J. Minahan              | 5 | 5 | 9  | 19 |
| Daniel M. O'Brien            | 5 | 3 | 10 | 18 |
| Joseph F. Connell            | 4 | 4 | 11 | 19 |

|              |   |   |   |   |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|
| John P. Kane | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Blanks.      | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |

| District Delegates Fourth District |   |   |   |    |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|----|
| John J. Desmond                    | 4 | 5 | 6 | 15 |
| Roger Sherman Coar                 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 19 |
| M. Fred O. Connell                 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3  |
| John J. Prindiville                | 1 | 1 | 5 | 7  |
| Blanks.                            | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2  |

| Alternate District Delegates Fourth Dist |   |   |   |    |
|--|---|---|---|----|
| Oran A. Hoban                            | 6 | 5 | 5 | 16 |
| Charles F. McCarthy                      | 6 | 5 | 8 | 19 |
| Blanks.                                  |   |   |   |    |
| Preference for President                 |   |   |   |    |
| Champ Clark                              | 3 | 5 | 8 | 16 |
| Woodrow Wilson                           | 5 | 3 | 3 | 11 |
| Blanks.                                  | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3  |



|                              |     |     |     |    |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Reference for Vice President | Pct | Pct | Pct |    |
| Eugene M. Foss               | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4  |
| Blanks                       | 8   | 10  | 9   | 27 |
| Total no of ballots cast     | 9   | 10  | 12  | 31 |

A true record of the votes cast as returned by the several precinct clerks.

Attest Horace F. Tuttle  
Town Clerk.

Warrant for the State Primary Sept 24, 1912.  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex, ss. To either of the Constables of the town of Acton: Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in the polling places in the several precincts to which they respectively belong Tuesday the twenty fourth day of September, 1912 at six o'clock P.M. for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes on one ballot to the Primary Officers for the nomination of candidates of Political Parties for the following offices; Governor, Lieut. Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor and Attorney General for this Commonwealth, Representative in Congress, Fifth Congressional District, Councillor for the sixth Councillor District, Senator for the seventh Senatorial District, Representative in General Court, 11<sup>th</sup> Representative District, County Commissioner for Middlesex County, County Treasurer for Middlesex County. And for the election of the following officers: Member of the State Committee for the 7<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District, Members of Town Committee for this town, Delegates to State Conventions of Political Parties. The polling places for the several precincts will be

as follows;

Precinct one, in the Town Hall. Acton

Precinct two, in the Vestry of the Universalist Church, So. Acton

Precinct three; in the Fire House. West Acton

The polls will be opened at six o'clock and may be closed at 8 o'clock P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting copies attested by you in the following places; One in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations, one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co, W. E. Whitcomb, M. E. Taylor & Co, Tuttle & Newton, Finney & Hoyt, George H. Reed and one at the Sagoy House seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meetings. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time of holding said meetings. Given under our hands in Acton this tenth day of September in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve

Edgar H. Hall. } Selectmen  
James P. Brown } of  
Willis L. Holden } Acton

Middlesex, ss. Acton Sept 14 1912

Copies of the within warrant, duly attested by me have been posted in the several places designated in the warrant seven days before the time appointed for holding said meetings

William F. Stearns  
Constable of Acton

Proceedings of Meetings held Sept. 24, 1912  
in accordance with the preceding warrant.

Record of votes cast in the several precincts for  
candidates of the Republican Party:

|                            | Pct<br>1 | Pct<br>2 | Pct<br>3 |    |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----|
| Governor                   |          |          |          |    |
| Ernest C. Benton           | 15       | 4        | 19       | 38 |
| Joseph Walker              | 17       | 17       | 11       | 45 |
| Blanks                     | 1        | 0        | 1        | 2  |
| Lieut Governor             |          |          |          |    |
| Robert Luce                | 32       | 20       | 29       | 81 |
| Blanks                     | 1        | 1        | 2        | 4  |
| Secretary                  |          |          |          |    |
| Albert P. Langtry          | 32       | 20       | 28       | 80 |
| Blanks                     | 1        | 1        | 3        | 5  |
| Treasurer                  |          |          |          |    |
| Elmer A. Stevens           | 31       | 20       | 28       | 79 |
| Blanks                     | 2        | 1        | 3        | 6  |
| Auditor                    |          |          |          |    |
| John E. White              | 32       | 21       | 27       | 80 |
| Blanks                     | 1        | 0        | 4        | 5  |
| Attorney General           |          |          |          |    |
| Blanks                     | 1        | 1        | 4        | 6  |
| James M. Swift             | 32       | 20       | 27       | 79 |
| Congressman Fifth District |          |          |          |    |
| William T. S. Bartlett     | 9        | 8        | 2        | 19 |
| James Wilson Grimes        | 9        | 7        | 14       | 30 |
| John Jacob Rogers          | 14       | 6        | 7        | 27 |
| Blanks                     | 1        | 0        | 8        | 9  |
| Councillor Sixth Dist      |          |          |          |    |
| John J. Hibbs              | 4        | 7        | 4        | 15 |
| George E. Marchand         | 7        | 2        | 7        | 16 |
| G. Frederick Simpson       | 13       | 8        | 10       | 31 |
| Blanks                     | 8        | 4        | 10       | 22 |
| Senator                    |          |          |          |    |
| Alonso G. Walsh            | 29       | 19       | 24       | 72 |

|                                 | Pct<br>1 | Pct<br>2 | Pct<br>3 |    |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----|
| Blanks                          | 4        | 2        | 7        | 13 |
| Representation in General Court |          |          |          |    |
| Samuel L. Taylor                | 30       | 19       | 25       | 74 |
| Blanks                          | 3        | 2        | 6        | 11 |
| County Commissioner             |          |          |          |    |
| Chester B. Williams             | 28       | 20       | 24       | 72 |
| Blanks                          | 4        | 1        | 7        | 12 |
| County Treasurer                |          |          |          |    |
| Joseph O. Hayden                | 31       | 19       | 24       | 74 |
| Blanks                          | 2        | 2        | 7        | 11 |
| State Committee                 |          |          |          |    |
| Louis Pfeiffer                  | 30       | 19       | 22       | 71 |
| Blanks                          | 3        | 2        | 9        | 14 |
| Delegates to State Convention   |          |          |          |    |
| Charles J. Holton               | 30       | 19       | 25       | 74 |
| Albert R. Beach                 | 28       | 16       | 26       | 70 |
| Blanks                          |          |          |          |    |
| Town Committee                  |          |          |          |    |
| James A. Grimes                 | 31       | 17       | 27       |    |
| Frank W. Hoyt                   | 30       | 19       | 26       |    |
| Frank R. Howdellton             | 31       | 17       | 26       |    |
| Charles J. Holton               | 31       | 20       | 26       |    |
| Arson C. Piper                  | 31       | 18       | 25       |    |
| Lyman C. Taylor                 | 31       | 18       | 25       |    |
| Horace F. Tuttle                | 30       | 20       | 26       |    |
| Moses E. Taylor                 | 31       | 18       | 25       |    |
| David C. Harris                 | 29       | 19       | 26       |    |
| Total no. of ballots cast       | 33       | 21       | 31       | 85 |



Record of votes cast for candidates of the  
Democratic Party.

|                                 | Pct.<br>1 | Pct.<br>2 | Pct.<br>3 |    |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----|
| Governor                        |           |           |           |    |
| Eugene N. Foss.                 | 5         | 10        | 12        | 27 |
| Joseph C. Pelletier             | 0         | 3         | 0         | 3  |
| Blanks.                         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 1  |
| Lieut Governor                  |           |           |           |    |
| Edward P. Barry                 | 0         | 2         | 0         | 2  |
| David J. Walsh                  | 5         | 11        | 11        | 27 |
| Blanks.                         | 0         | 0         | 2         | 2  |
| Secretary                       |           |           |           |    |
| Frank J. Donahue                | 4         | 11        | 8         | 23 |
| Blanks.                         | 1         | 2         | 5         | 8  |
| Treasurer                       |           |           |           |    |
| Joseph, L. P. St. Cair          | 3         | 10        | 8         | 21 |
| Blanks.                         | 2         | 3         | 5         | 10 |
| Auditor                         |           |           |           |    |
| James F. Carens                 | 4         | 10        | 7         | 21 |
| Blanks.                         | 1         | 3         | 6         | 10 |
| Attorney General.               |           |           |           |    |
| George W. Anderson              | 3         | 10        | 11        | 24 |
| Blanks                          | 2         | 3         | 2         | 7  |
| Congressman. Fifth District     |           |           |           |    |
| James H. Carmichael             | 2         | 4         | 1         | 7  |
| Humphrey O. Sullivan            | 3         | 8         | 8         | 19 |
| Blanks                          | 0         | 1         | 4         | 5  |
| Councillor                      |           |           |           |    |
| John J. Hogan                   | 4         | 10        | 10        | 24 |
| Blanks.                         | 1         | 3         | 3         | 7  |
| Senator                         |           |           |           |    |
| Edward Fisher                   | 5         | 13        | 11        | 29 |
| Blanks.                         | 0         | 0         | 2         | 2  |
| Representative in General Court |           |           |           |    |
| John D. Carney                  | 4         | 10        | 9         | 23 |
| Blanks.                         | 1         | 3         | 4         | 8  |

|                              |   |    |    |    |
|------------------------------|---|----|----|----|
| County Commissioner          |   |    |    |    |
| Blanks.                      | 0 | 13 | 7  | 20 |
| W. Fairbanks                 | 5 | 0  | 6  | 11 |
| County Treasurer             |   |    |    |    |
| Thomas F. Royle              | 4 | 9  | 8  | 21 |
| Blanks.                      | 1 | 4  | 5  | 10 |
| State Committee              |   |    |    |    |
| Blanks.                      | 5 | 13 | 13 | 31 |
| Delegate to State Convention |   |    |    |    |
| James Kinsley                | 4 | 9  | 8  | 21 |
| Blanks.                      | 0 | 3  | 5  | 8  |
| Julian Tuttle                | 1 | 0  | 0  | 1  |
| Edwin T. Swift Jr.           | 0 | 1  | 0  | 1  |
| Members of Town Committee    |   |    |    |    |
| William F. Helley            | 3 | 10 | 11 |    |
| James Kinsley                | 3 | 8  | 11 |    |
| William C. Coughlin          | 3 | 10 | 11 |    |
| Thomas J. Cleary             | 3 | 10 | 11 |    |
| Edwin T. Swift Jr.           | 3 | 10 | 11 |    |
| Blanks.                      |   |    |    |    |
| Total no of ballots cast     | 5 | 13 | 13 | 31 |

A true record, attest

Horace F. Tuttle

Town Clerk.

Warrant for State Election Nov 5 1912.  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex S.S. To either of the Constables of the town of Acton in the County of Middlesex Greeting;  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the polling places in the several precincts to which they respectively belong on Tuesday the fifth day of November 1912. Then and there to bring in their votes on one ballot for Presidential Electors, Governor, Lieut. Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Congressman, Councillor, Senator, One Representative in the General Court, County Commissioner, and County Treasurer. Amendment to the constitution disqualifying from voting persons convicted of certain offences, Chapter 21 Resolves of 1912, Amendment to the constitution relative to the taxation of wild or forest lands, Chap. 115, Resolves of 1912, Acceptance of Chap. 503 Acts of 1912 entitled "An act relative to pensioning laborers in the employ of cities and towns. The polling places in the several precincts will be as follows; Precinct one, in the Town Hall

Precinct two, in the vestry of the Methodist Church <sup>So. Acton</sup>

Precinct three, in the Fire House West Acton

The polls will be opened at 6.30 o'clock A. M. and may be closed at four o'clock P. M. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting copies attested by you in the following places one in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations, one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co, W. E. Whitcomb M. E. Taylor & Co, Tuttle & Newton, Finney & Hoit, George H. Reed, and one at the Mayor's House seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meetings. Hereof fail not and make

return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen or Town Clerk on or before the time appointed for holding said meetings  
Given under our hands in Acton this twenty first day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred twelve  
Edgar H. Hall.  
Willis L. Holden  
James P. Brown

Selectmen of Acton  
Acton Mass. October 25 1912.

Middlesex S.S.

This is to certify that copies of the within warrant duly attested by me have been posted as directed by the Selectmen seven days before the time for holding said meetings  
Wm. F. Stevens

Constable of Acton



Proceedings of Meetings  
held November 5<sup>th</sup> 1912 in accordance with  
the preceding warrant.

Record of votes cast for

Electors of President and Vice President

Chapin and Watkins Prohibition

|                               | Precinct 1 | Precinct 2 | Precinct 3 | Total |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| At Large John M. Fisher       | one        | none       | none       | 1     |
| " Edward Kendall              | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| District 1 Thomas A. Frissell | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 2 Oliver W. Cobb              | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 3 Henry S. Cowell             | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 4 John Holt                   | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 5 John B. Lewis               | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 6 Willard O. Wylic            | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 7 Charles E. McCollay         | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 8 Alfred A. Wright            | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 9 Henry C. Russell            | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 10 Aaron L. Woodruff          | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 11 John Morgan                | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 12 Solon W. Bingham           | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 13 John A. Nichols            | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 14 Albert J. Oren             | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 15 David Morrison             | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 16 Edwin S. Paulding          | "          | "          | "          | "     |

Debs. and Seidel Socialist

|                            |      |     |      |   |
|----------------------------|------|-----|------|---|
| At Large Fred. Topper      | none | one | none | 1 |
| " Daniel A. White          | "    | "   | "    | " |
| District 1 Wilfred Griffin | "    | "   | "    | " |
| 2 Charles C. Hitchcock     | "    | "   | "    | " |
| 3 Robert Lawrence          | "    | "   | "    | " |
| 4 Charles E. Fenner        | "    | "   | "    | " |
| 5 William J. Carroll       | "    | "   | "    | " |
| 6 James F. Carey           | "    | "   | "    | " |
| 7 Ambrose Miles            | "    | "   | "    | " |
| 8 John Tiefenthal Jr.      | "    | "   | "    | " |
| 9 John D. Williams         | "    | "   | "    | " |

|                                       | Precinct 1 | Precinct 2 | Precinct 3 | Total |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| District 10 Fred. B. Chase            | none       | one        | none       | 1     |
| " 11 George Rocuser Sen.              | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 12 Samuel P. Levenberg                | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 13 Adam Langill                       | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 14 Joel Thebaudeau                    | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 15 John W. Sawyer                     | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 16 Arthur N. Harriman                 | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| Reimer and Gillhaus, Socialist Labor. |            |            |            |       |
| At Large Robert Batison               | none       | none       | none       | 0     |
| " Moritz E. Ruther                    | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| District 1 Herman Hoepke              | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 2 Frederick A. Nagler                 | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 3 John A. Anderson                    | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 4 Joseph Jiskra                       | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 5 Lars P. Nelson                      | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 6 Thomas F. Brennan                   | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 7 Fred E. Celcher                     | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 8 Peter O'Rourke                      | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 9 Ernest J. B. Galavino               | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 10 Charles J. Svenson                 | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 11 Henry C. Hess                      | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 12 Ferdinand Houtenbink Jr.           | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 13 Joseph P. Foley                    | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 14 Patrick H. Loftus                  | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 15 George R. Rigby                    | "          | "          | "          | "     |
| 16 James W. Holden                    | "          | "          | "          | "     |

Roosevelt and Johnson Progressive

|                              |              |             |             |     |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----|
| At Large James P. Magenis    | thirty eight | fifty three | sixty three | 154 |
| " Cassius A. Ward            | "            | "           | "           | "   |
| District 1 Cornelius C. Cook | "            | "           | "           | "   |
| 2 J. Frank Drake             | "            | "           | "           | "   |
| 3 Frederick Fosdick          | "            | "           | "           | "   |
| 4 Frank J. Quist             | "            | "           | "           | "   |
| 5 Lewis D. Hyslop            | "            | "           | "           | "   |
| 6 Nelson B. Clark            | "            | "           | "           | "   |

|         |                     | Precinct 1   | Precinct 2  | Precinct 3  | Total |
|---------|---------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| Dist. 7 | Lynn M. Ranger.     | thirty eight | fifty three | sixty three | 154   |
| " 8     | Laurence G. Brooks. | "            | "           | "           | "     |
| " 9     | Eugene H. Cox       | "            | "           | "           | "     |
| " 10    | Jerome A. Pettit    | "            | "           | "           | "     |
| " 11    | Arthur D. Hill      | "            | "           | "           | "     |
| " 12    | Elihu D. Stone      | "            | "           | "           | "     |
| " 13    | Norman Marshall     | "            | "           | "           | "     |
| " 14    | Charles S. Millet   | "            | "           | "           | "     |
| " 15    | Robert A. Dean      | "            | "           | "           | "     |
| " 16    | Frank E. Ramsdell.  | "            | "           | "           | "     |

## Taft and Sherman Republican

|          |                    |            |            |           |     |
|----------|--------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----|
| At large | Rufus D. Adams     | fifty nine | fifty four | forty two | 155 |
| " "      | David F. Dillon    | "          | "          | "         | "   |
| Dist 1   | William A. Burns.  | "          | "          | "         | "   |
| " 2      | Walter S. Robinson | "          | "          | "         | "   |
| " 3      | George R. Wallace  | "          | "          | "         | "   |
| " 4      | James Logan        | "          | "          | "         | "   |
| " 5      | Harry G. Pollard   | "          | "          | "         | "   |
| " 6      | Alfred E. Lyons.   | "          | "          | "         | "   |
| " 7      | Neal Barney        | "          | "          | "         | "   |
| " 8      | Ernest C. Benton   | "          | "          | "         | "   |
| " 9      | Frank M. Sawtill   | "          | "          | "         | "   |
| " 10     | James W. H. Myrick | "          | "          | "         | "   |
| " 11     | Frank Vogel        | "          | "          | "         | "   |
| " 12     | Moses S. Louie     | "          | "          | "         | "   |
| " 13     | J. Henry Gleason   | "          | "          | "         | "   |
| " 14     | Horace A. Keith    | "          | "          | "         | "   |
| " 15     | Alfred B. Williams | "          | "          | "         | "   |
| " 16     | Joseph Walsh.      | "          | "          | "         | "   |

## Wilson and Marshall Democratic

|          |                   |            |              |        |    |
|----------|-------------------|------------|--------------|--------|----|
| At large | John W. Cummings  | thirty one | thirty three | thirty | 94 |
| " "      | William A. Gaston | "          | "            | "      | "  |
| Dist 1   | Daniel F. Doherty | "          | "            | "      | "  |
| " 2      | Edward H. Lathrop | "          | "            | "      | "  |

|        |                      | Precinct 1 | Precinct 2   | Precinct 3 | Total |
|--------|----------------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| Dist 3 | Frank H. Pope        | thirty one | thirty three | thirty     | 94    |
| 4      | John F. Meaney       | "          | "            | "          | "     |
| 5      | Joseph. O'Connor     | "          | "            | "          | "     |
| 6      | Charles A. Russell   | "          | "            | "          | "     |
| 7      | Walter H. Creamer    | "          | "            | "          | "     |
| 8      | Thomas E. Dwyer      | "          | "            | "          | "     |
| 9      | James H. Malone      | "          | "            | "          | "     |
| 10     | John J. Mahoney      | "          | "            | "          | "     |
| 11     | Joseph H. O'Sail     | "          | "            | "          | "     |
| 12     | James F. Powers.     | "          | "            | "          | "     |
| 13     | Charles B. Strucker  | "          | "            | "          | "     |
| 14     | Alfon. C. Drinkwater | "          | "            | "          | "     |
| 15     | Thomas F. Higgins    | "          | "            | "          | "     |
| 16     | George M. Harlow.    | "          | "            | "          | "     |

## Blanks.

## Governor

|                       |       |              |            |             |     |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------|------------|-------------|-----|
| Charles S. Bird       | Prog. | thirty eight | forty four | fifty eight | 140 |
| Eugene N. Foss, D.    |       | twenty five  | thirty     | thirty one  | 86  |
| Patrick Mulligan S.L. |       | none         | none       | none        | 0   |
| Frank W. Rand P.      |       | one          | none       | one         | 2   |
| Roland D. Sawyer S.   |       | none         | two        | none        | 2   |
| Joseph Walker R.      |       | fifty seven  | sixty four | forty four  | 165 |
| Blanks.               |       | ten          | seven      | seven       | 24  |

## Lieut Governor

|                       |  |             |              |              |     |
|-----------------------|--|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----|
| Daniel Cosgrove Prog. |  | twenty nine | thirty six   | thirty eight | 113 |
| Alfred H. Evans P     |  | one         | one          | one          | 3   |
| Robert Luce R         |  | sixty four  | sixty six    | fifty eight  | 188 |
| Robert B. Marten S    |  | none        | one          | none         | 1   |
| Dennis M'Guff S.L.    |  | none        | none         | none         | 0   |
| David J. Walsh D.     |  | twenty five | thirty two   | thirty two   | 89  |
| Blanks.               |  | twelve      | seven        | twelve       | 35  |
| Secretary             |  |             |              |              |     |
| Frank J. Donahue D.   |  | twenty one  | twenty three | twenty seven | 71  |
| Ellen Hayes S.        |  | one         | four         | none         | 5   |



|                           | Precinct 1  | Precinct 2   | Precinct 3   | Total |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Albert P Langley R        | fifty seven | sixty seven  | fifty four   | 178   |
| Karl Lindstrand S.L.      | none        | none         | none         | 0     |
| William W. Nash P         | one         | none         | one          | 2     |
| Russell A Wood. Prog      | thirty two  | thirty six   | thirty four  | 102   |
| Blanks.                   | nineteen    | seventeen    | twenty five  | 61    |
| Treasurer.                |             |              |              |       |
| Charles A. Chace P        | one         | none         | one          | 2     |
| David Craig S.L.          | none        | one          | none         | 1     |
| Eldon B Keith Prog        | thirty one  | thirty two   | thirty three | 96    |
| Joseph L P. St Coon       | nineteen    | twenty one   | twenty four  | 64    |
| Elmer A. Storns R         | sixty three | seventy four | sixty        | 197   |
| Louis F Weiss S.          | none        | two          | none         | 2     |
| Blanks                    | seventeen   | seventeen    | twenty three | 57    |
| Auditor                   |             |              |              |       |
| James T. Carens D.        | eighteen    | twenty five  | twenty five  | 68    |
| Herbert B. Griffin P.     | one         | two          | one          | 4     |
| Octave A. La Riviere Prog | twenty nine | thirty two   | thirty one   | 92    |
| Sylvester J. Mc Bride S   | none        | one          | one          | 2     |
| Jeremiah P. Mc Nally S.L. | two         | none         | none         | 2     |
| John C White R.           | sixty five  | sixty eight  | fifty six    | 189   |
| Blanks.                   | sixteen     | nineteen     | twenty seven | 62    |
| Attorney General          |             |              |              |       |
| George W. Anderson D.     | 21          | twenty two   | twenty seven | 70    |
| Frank Bohmbach S.L.       | none        | none         | none         | 0     |
| Freeman T. Crommett. P    | one         | one          | one          | 3     |
| H. Huastis Newton Prog    | 32          | thirty four  | thirty six   | 102   |
| George E. Rosser Jr S     | one         | two          | none         | 3     |
| James M. Swift R          | sixty three | sixty nine   | fifty seven  | 189   |
| Blanks.                   | thirteen    | nineteen     | twenty       | 52    |
| Congressman Fifth Dist    |             |              |              |       |
| William J Carroll S       | two         | two          | one          | 5     |
| William A. Cogood Prog    | thirty five | thirty nine  | forty one    | 105   |

|   | Precinct 1   | Precinct 2   | Precinct 3    | Total |
|---|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------|
| Humphrey O Sullivan D.  | twenty two   | twenty five  | twenty eight  | 75    |
| John Jacob Rogers. R  | twenty two   | sixty eight  | fifty eight   | 198   |
| Blanks  | ten          | thirteen     | thirteen      | 36    |
| Councillor  |              |              |               |       |
| Henry G. Burke S.   | one          | none         | none          | 1     |
| John J. Hogan D   | twenty one   | twenty five  | twenty six    | 72    |
| Harrie C Hunter Prog  | twenty nine  | forty        | forty         | 109   |
| G. Frederick Simpson R  | sixty three  | sixty six    | fifty one     | 180   |
| Blanks  | seventeen    | sixteen      | twenty four   | 57    |
| Senator   |              |              |               |       |
| Edward. Fisher D.   | twenty five  | thirty eight | thirty five   | 98    |
| John E. Macy Prog   | thirty four  | forty six    | forty five    | 125   |
| Alonzo G. Walsh R.  | sixty one    | forty nine   | forty eight   | 158   |
| Blanks.   | eleven       | fourteen     | thirteen      | 38    |
| Representative in General Court   |              |              |               |       |
| John D. Barney D.   | twenty one   | twenty five  | thirty        | 76    |
| Samuel L Taylor. R  | fifty seven  | fifty seven  | fifty three   | 167   |
| James B. Tuttle. Prog   | forty two    | fifty one    | forty six     | 139   |
| Blanks.   | eleven       | fourteen     | twelve        | 37    |
| County Commissioners  |              |              |               |       |
| Wendrop H. Fairbank D.  | thirty three | thirty       | thirty        | 93    |
| Robert J. Kelley S.   | none         | three        | one           | 4     |
| Chester B Williams R  | seventy two  | eighty       | seventy three | 225   |
| Blanks.   | twenty six   | thirty four  | thirty seven  | 97    |
| County Treasurer  |              |              |               |       |
| Nicholas H. Flynn S.  | one          | three        | none          | 4     |
| Joseph O Hayden R   | seventy five | eighty two   | seventy       | 227   |
| Thomas F. Royle D.  | nineteen     | twenty three | nineteen      | 61    |
| Blanks.   | thirty six   | thirty nine  | fifty ten     | 127   |
| Shall the proposed amendment to Yes.                                    | 64           | 61           | 58            | 183   |
| the constitution disqualifying from No.                                 | 13           | 13           | 14            | 40    |
| voting persons convicted of certain offences to appear and be qualified | Blanks, 54   | 73           | 69            | 196   |

Precinct 1, Precinct 2 Precinct 3 Total

Shall the proposed amendment Yes. 54 52 53 159  
 to the constitution relative to the No. 13 17 12 42  
 taxation of wild or forest lands Blanks 64 78 76 218  
 be approved and ratified?

Shall the act passed by the Yes. 33 41 37 111  
 general court in the year 1912 No. 41 43 33 117  
 entitled, "An Act relative to Blanks, 57 63 71 191  
 pensioning laborers in the  
 employ of cities and towns be accepted?

Total no of ballots cast 131 147 141 419

Vote for Representative in the Eleventh Middlesex  
 District November 5 1912

|                                 | Acton | Ayer. | Carlisle | Chelmsford | Littleton | Westford |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|----------|------------|-----------|----------|
| John D. Barney of Ayer D.       | 76    | 215   | 32       | 193        | 40        | 123      |
| Samuel L. Taylor of Westford R. | 167   | 140   | 46       | 291        | 85        | 173      |
| James B. Tuttle of Acton Prog.  | 139   | 126   | 24       | 218        | 74        | 54       |
| Hugo Paige of Westford          | "     | "     | "        | "          | "         | 1        |
| Blanks.                         | 37    | 51    | 15       | 87         | 23        | 59       |
|                                 | 419   | 532   | 117      | 789        | 222       | 410      |

Barney 679, Taylor, 902, Tuttle 635 Hugo Paige 1, Blanks 272.  
 Total 2489

Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk of Acton  
 Guy B. Remick " " Ayer.  
 Herbert A. Lee " " Carlisle  
 Edward J. Robbins " " Chelmsford  
 Charles A. Kimball " " Littleton  
 Edward Fishor " " Westford

A true record, attest.

Horace F. Tuttle

Town Clerk



# Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

March 31, 1913.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
Middlesex s.s.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall in said town on Monday, the thirty first day of March, 1913, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:—

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

Art. 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following town officers:— Town Clerk for one year, one selectmen for three years, one selectmen for two years (to fill vacancy), three overseers of the poor, town treasurer, collector of taxes, town accountant, tree warden, four constables, four field drivers, three fence viewers, all for one year, One assessor, one road commissioner, one Trustee of Memorial Library, one member of the school committee, one cemetery commissioner, and one member of the board of health, all for three years. Also, on the same ballot with the above named officers to vote upon the following question; Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

The polls will be opened at 9.30 A.M. and may be closed at 4 o'clock P.M.

Art. 3. To choose all necessary town officers not named in Article 2. and fix salaries

Art. 4. To see if the town will accept the reports of the selectmen, overseers of the poor, school committee, library, trustees and other town officers

Art. 5. To hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen at any previous meeting, that have not already reported.

Art. 6. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the due observance of Memorial Day.

Art. 7. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the repairing and building of roads and bridges or act anything thereon.

Art. 8. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of the Memorial Library the current year.

Art. 9. To see what amount of money the town will appropriate for the care of cemeteries or act anything thereon.

Art. 10. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the maintenance of the fire department or act anything thereon

Art. 11. To see if the town will contract with the West and South Water Supply District of Acton for rental of their fire hydrants not to exceed one hundred in number at twenty five dollars per year for fire purposes only.

Art. 12. To see if the town will purchase new horse and horse carriages or act anything thereon

Art. 13. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor laws, or act anything thereon

- Art. 14. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of its selectmen, to borrow money for the town, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes the current year.
- Art. 15. To see what action the town will take in regard to the extermination of the elm leaf beetle
- Art. 16. To see what action the town will take in reference to the extermination of the gypsy and brown tail moth
- Art. 17. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$600.00 to purchase a Power Sprayer of the State
- Art. 18. To see if the town will appoint a town accountant for the current year, and fix salary of same, or act anything thereon
- Art. 19. To see what amount of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, the purchase of school books and supplies, the expense of operating the school plants, repairs and improvements upon school grounds and buildings, the transportation of scholars, and for other expenses relating to the maintenance of the school department, or do or act anything thereon.
- Art. 20. To see what action the town will take in regard to the collection of taxes
- Art. 21. To see what amount of money the town will raise for town charges.
- Art. 22. To see if the town will authorize putting water in the School-houses and watering troughs, or act anything thereon

- Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to instruct the school committee to demand of the Trustees or Managers of institutions having children attending the schools of this town, to pay the tuition or other extra expense incurred by reason of the same, in accordance with Section 4 of Chapter 44 of the Revised Laws, as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 268 of the Acts of 1911.
- Art. 24. To see if the town will authorize having six more electric lights, three extending from opposite A. Merriam Co's factory to Lathrop's factory and three from the corner at Walter Hayward's house to W. A. Flint's
- Art. 25. To see if the town will name its streets and have the names put up at the street corners in a proper way or act anything thereon.
- Art. 26. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the following purposes, namely:-  
 1<sup>st</sup>, For the repair of the engine house in South Acton, or act anything thereon  
 2<sup>d</sup>, For the purchase of an automobile truck for fire protection or act anything thereon  
 3<sup>d</sup>, For the proper installing of a system of fire alarm or act anything thereon  
 4<sup>th</sup>, For the disposal of the present fire apparatus at South Acton or act anything thereon
- Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to pay a portion of the expense to be incurred by its villages in the construction and repair of sidewalks during the current year or act anything thereon
- Art. 28. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the payment of premiums on Treasurer's and Collector's bonds.



Art. 29 To see what action the town will take on the recommendation of the State to appoint Geo E. Holton Assistant Fish and Game Warden with a salary of fifty dollars.

Art. 30 To see if the town will vote to dispose of the old scraper and other road implements not in use or act anything thereon

Art. 31 To see if the town will vote to oil the streets through the villages of Acton or act anything thereon

Art. 32 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of installing a fire alarm system in town or take any action thereon

Art. 33 To see whether the town will vote to rescind the action providing for the election of selectmen by rotation for periods of three years and revert to the system of simultaneous elections for the period of one year as provided under certain acts of the Revised Statutes.

Art. 34 To see if the town will vote to put electric lights equal distances apart from East Acton depot on Great Road to head of street leading to residence of Mrs. G. Daniels and Luther Davis or act anything thereon

Art. 35 To see if the town will rescind the vote passed at their meeting April 3, 1899 whereby they voted to choose three road commissioners and accept the provisions of Section 364 Chapter 560 of the Acts of 1907 relative to the election of a highway surveyor

Art. 36 To see if the town will choose a financial Committee which shall consider and make recommendations relative to all appropriations of money

Art. 37 To see what instructions the town will vote to give the town officers respecting the performance of their duties

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting copies attested by you in the following places, one in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations, One in each of the stores of C H Mead & Co W. E. Whitecomb, M. E. Taylor & Co, Tuttle & Stanton Finney and Hoyt, George H. Reed and one at the Mayor's House, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting Given under our hands in Acton this eleventh day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen

James P. Brown Selectmen  
Willie L. Holden of Acton

I hereby certify that attested copies of the within warrant have been posted as directed by the Selectmen seven days before the time for holding said meeting Wm F. Stevens

Acton March 22, 1913 Constable of Acton

# Proceedings of the Annual Meeting March 31, 1913.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Acton held on Monday the thirty first day of March, 1913 at nine o'clock A. M. the articles in the warrant for said meeting were acted upon in the following manner. The meeting was called to order at 9 o'clock A. M. It was voted to dispense with the reading of the warrant in full.

The following persons appointed to act as tellers and ballot clerks were sworn by the Town Clerk Herbert F. Robbins, Abram Tuttle, Charles E. Smith and Clarence D. Groom. Later in the meeting the moderator appointed John S. White, Ernest R. Tiele, Frank Merriam, and Bertram D. Hall additional tellers and they were sworn by him.

Art. 1, Allen Brooks Parker was chosen moderator.

Art. 2. The moderator declared the polls open for the election of town officers and vote on the license question at 9.30 o'clock A. M. the polls were open continuously until 4 o'clock P. M. when they were closed by vote of the meeting. The total number of ballots cast was 277, which was the number of male voters checked on the voting lists. No special ballots for women were cast. The following is a true record of the names of all persons voted for, the number of ballots received for each person and the title of the office for which he was proposed.

## Town Clerk

Horace F. Tuttle two hundred forty sworn

## Selectmen for three years

Edward J. Stanley two hundred twenty five sworn

Selectmen for two years to fill vacancy  
Fred. S. Whitcomb two hundred eleven sworn

## Assessor for three years

William F. Kelley two hundred fifteen sworn

## Overseers of the Poor for one year

William F. Kelley two hundred three sworn

Edward J. Stanley two hundred fifteen sworn

Lyman C. Taylor two hundred fifteen sworn

## Treasurer for one year

Frank W. Hoyt two hundred forty one sworn by J. K. W. Whitcomb P. R.

## Collector of Taxes.

William F. Stevens two hundred thirty two sworn

## Constables for one year

James Hensley one hundred ninety four sworn

William F. Stevens two hundred twenty seven sworn

James B. Tuttle two hundred six

William B. Franklin two hundred fifteen

## Road Commissioner three years.

William B. Franklin two hundred sworn

## Field Drivers one year

George W. Daniels one hundred ninety five

Daniel H. Farrar one hundred ninety two sworn

J. Alfred Goding one hundred ninety four

Fred. S. Whitcomb one hundred ninety four sworn

## Fence Viewers one year

James P. Brown one hundred ninety nine sworn

Edward J. Stanley two hundred and three sworn

Fred. S. Whitcomb one hundred ninety seven sworn

## School Committee three years.

Bertram E. Hall two hundred seventeen sworn

## Cemetery Commissioner three years

Horace F. Tuttle two hundred thirty one

## Board of Health three years

Edward C. Page two hundred twelve sworn

## Trustees of Memorial Library three years

Horace F. Tuttle two hundred twenty four



## Tree Warden

James O'Hail two hundred two sworn

Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

Yes. eighty four 84.

No one hundred eighty one 181.

Blanks. twelve 12.

Art. 3 Voted; That the Selectmen be instructed to appoint surveyors of lumber, wood, hoops and staves

Chose Horace F. Tuttle trustee of the Goodnow fund for three years.

Voted; that the salary of the road commissioner be two and one half dollars per day, nine hours to constitute a day

Voted; That the salary of the tax collector be one per centum of the amount collected and that he perform all the duties hitherto performed by said officer

Voted; That the salary of the Treasurer be two hundred dollars per annum

Voted; that the salary of the chairman of the Selectmen be \$100. per annum and the other members \$50. per annum.

Art. 4 Voted; To accept the printed reports of the several town officers

Art. 5 No reports were presented

Art. 6 Voted; To raise one hundred dollars.

Art. 7 Voted; To raise four thousand dollars for repairing roads and bridges.

Voted; To appropriate one thousand dollars additional for building roads provided the town shall receive an allotment of one thousand dollars from the state under the small town act, so called.

Art. 8 Voted; To raise the sum of five hundred dollars for current expenses and two hundred dollars for purchasing books.

Art. 9 Voted; To appropriate six hundred dollars for care of cemeteries

Art. 10 Voted to raise four hundred dollars for maintenance of fire department

Voted; to raise one hundred and eighty four dollars for hydrant service in East Acton

Art. 11 Voted; That the Selectmen be instructed to contract with the West and South Water Supply District of Acton for the service of not more than one hundred hydrants, for fire purposes only, at the rate of twenty five dollars each per annum.

Voted; to raise twenty five hundred dollars for the hydrant service covered by this article

Art. 12 Voted; To appropriate five hundred dollars to supply the Acton Center Fire Department with hose and hose carriage

Art. 13 Voted; To re appropriate the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated last year for the enforcement of the liquor laws. Voted that the Selectmen constitute the committee to enforce said laws.

Art. 14 Voted; That the town treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, be and is hereby authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the taxes of the municipal year beginning February 1, 1913 to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate \$15,000. and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, any debt or debt incurred under this vote to be paid from the taxes of said municipal year.

Art. 15 Voted, To raise and appropriate four hundred dollars to be expended by the Tree Warden.

Art. 16 Voted. To raise the sum of money required by the State Law.

Art. 17 Voted, To refer the matter to the Selectmen with power to act.

Voted; to appropriate \$600. to provide for the cost of the <sup>if purchased</sup> spring.

Art. 18 Voted; to fix the salary of the town accountant the same as last year, thirty cents per hour employed.

Voted to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to pay the same.

Art. 19 Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand five hundred dollars and the dog tax for the current year. for the purposes specified in the school committee's estimates for the support of schools for the fiscal year 1913-1914 to be found on page 9 of the annual report of the school committee for the year ending January 31, 1913.

Voted, To allow the committee to transfer any unexpended balance of any appropriation to any other which may become exhausted and have become insufficient. Voted, to instruct the School Committee to require physiology to be taught in the elementary schools.

Art. 20 Voted: that the collector charge interest at the rate of five per cent per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of November next.

Voted; That poll and personal taxes only be payable on demand.

Voted; That the collector shall issue summons for all poll and personal taxes only remaining unpaid Sept. 1. That the collector shall collect all taxes committed to him within the municipal year in which they are assessed.

Art. 21 Voted; to appropriate for town charges \$6,000. to be expended as follows: -

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Town Farm                              | \$ 600. |
| Outside Poor,                          | 1000.   |
| Soldiers' Aid                          | 100.    |
| Printing                               | 300.    |
| Buildings and Grounds                  | 300.    |
| Police                                 | 150.    |
| Board of Health                        | 1000.   |
| Salaries of Town Officers              | 2000.   |
| Miscellaneous <sup>and expenses.</sup> | 550.    |

Voted to raise for street lighting \$2300.

Art. 22 Voted; To raise and appropriate \$250. to extend the water service into the school houses in the town and to raise and appropriate \$150. to connect the water service with the public watering troughs in the villages to be expended by the selectmen.

Art. 23 Voted; To instruct the school committee to demand of the trustees or managers of institutions having children attending the schools of this town, to pay the tuition or other extra expense incurred by reason of the same in accordance with Section 4 of Chapter 44, of the Revised Laws, as amended by Section 2, of Chapter 268, of the Acts of 1911.



Art 24, Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to contract for six additional electric lights to be located on the streets as specified in the article.

Art 25 Voted: To pass over the article

Art 26 Voted, under the first section of the article to raise \$150, to repair the Fire-house in South Acton  
Voted, to pass over the remaining sections of the article

Art 27 Voted, To pass over the article

Art 28 Voted To raise the sum of one hundred dollars.

Art 29 Voted, To pass over the article

Art 30 Voted; That the Road Commissioners be instructed to dispose of the old scraper and other road implements which have ceased to be used by the road department.

Art 31 Voted, To raise the sum of three hundred dollars for oiling the streets through the villages of South and West Acton and Acton Center.

Art 32 Voted, That the matter be referred to a committee to consist of the fire wardens of the three principal villages with instructions to report at a future meeting

Art 33 Voted; To pass over the article

Art 34 Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to contract for additional electric lights along the Great Road from the East Acton R.R. station to the street leading to the residences of Mrs G. Daniels and Luther Davis

Art 34 (continued) Voted; to raise two hundred dollars for these additional lights

Art 35 Voted to pass over the article

Art 36 Voted, that at the next annual town meeting a financial committee of five, be chosen by the town, on the official ballot, for the term of one year

Art 37 Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed not to grant any licenses to druggists for the sale of intoxicating liquors nor any licenses or permits to express companies for the transportation of intoxicating liquors into this town this year

Voted; That the current financial year of this town end March 1, 1914 instead of Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1914.

Voted, To instruct the Selectmen to install lights from the Lowell Road to North Acton also to carry out the vote of last year providing for placing fifty lights in each Precinct

Voted, to adjourn

A. true record Attest.

Horace F. Tuttle.

# Warrant for a Special Town Meeting

August 5<sup>th</sup> 1913.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex. S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex, Greeting:-  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall in said town, on Tuesday the fifth day of August 1913, at eight o'clock in the evening, Then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1; To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Art. 2, To see if the town will vote to purchase necessary apparatus and supplies for the fire departments or act anything thereon.

Art. 3 To see if the town will vote to rescind the vote passed at the annual town meeting of March 31, 1913, whereby it was voted to put the unexpended balance of the appropriation for the enforcement of the liquor law into the treasury, and appropriate it to the use of the Fire department, or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting copies attested by you, in the following places:  
One in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations, one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co, W. E. Whitcomb, M. E. Taylor & Co, Tuttle & Newton, Timney & Hoyt, George H. Reed, and one at the Mayor House, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting  
Given under our hands in Acton this twenty fifth

day of July in the year one thousand, nine hundred and thirteen.

James P. Brown

Fred S. Whitcomb

Edward J. Stanley

Selectmen of Acton

Middlesex S.S.

The within warrant has been duly attested and posted as directed

William F. Stevens

Acton July 29, 1913. Constable of Acton

## Proceedings of the Special Meeting held August 5<sup>th</sup> 1913.

Art. 1, Samuel A. Guilford was chosen moderator  
Edson Baird and F. P. Wood were appointed tellers by the Moderator

Art. 2, Voted. That the town borrow one thousand dollars for one year for the purchasing of necessary apparatus and supplies for the fire departments  
57 votes in favor. none against

Voted, that the Selectmen, Fire Wardens and Charles J. Holton be a committee to purchase said apparatus and supplies

Voted, That the Fire Wardens be instructed to have the fire apparatus of the town inspected at least once a month, the expenses of such inspections to be paid on approval of the bills by the Selectmen

Art. 3 Voted, To dismiss the article  
Voted to adjourn.

A true record. Attest

Horace F. Tuttle

Town Clerk



State Primary Sept. 23<sup>d</sup> 1913  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton  
Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet as follows: - Precinct One at the Town Hall Precinct 2, at the Universalist Vestry, South Acton Precinct 3, at the Fire House, West Acton Tuesday, the twenty third day of September, 1913 at 7 o'clock P. M. for the following purposes: To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the nomination of candidates of political parties for the following officers:

Governor, Lieut Governor, Secretary, Treasurer Auditor, Attorney General, Councillor for 6<sup>th</sup> Councillor District, Senator for the seventh senatorial district Representative in General Court for the 11<sup>th</sup> Representative district, County Commissioner Middlesex County Two Associate Commissioners Middlesex County District Attorney, Northern District, Register of Probate and Insolvency Middlesex County and for the election of the following officers District member of State Committee for each political party for the 7<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District 5. Members of the Democratic Town Committee 9. Members of the Republican Town Committee 15 Members of the Progressive Town Committee Delegates to State Conventions of political parties All the above candidates and officers are to be voted for upon one ballot The polls will be open from 7 P. M. to 9 P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof seven days at least

before the time of said meeting as directed by vote of the town.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting

Given under our hands this eleventh day of September A. D. 1913.

James P. Brown  
Edward J. Stanley  
Fred L. Whitcomb

Selectmen of Acton

Attested copies of the within warrant have been posted as directed by the Selectmen seven days before the time appointed for holding said meeting

Wm. F. Stevens

Acton Sept 15, 1913

Constable of Acton

Proceedings of Meetings held Sept. 23, 1913 in accordance with the preceding warrant Record of votes cast in the several precincts for candidates of the Democratic Party.

|                        | Pct 1 | Pct 2 | Pct 3 | Totals |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Governor               |       |       |       |        |
| David I. Walsh         | 3     | 1     | 6     | 10     |
| Blanks                 |       |       |       |        |
| Lieut Gov.             |       |       |       |        |
| Edward P. Barry        | 1     | 1     | 2     | 4      |
| Richard H. Long        | 2     | 1     | 4     | 7      |
| Blanks                 |       |       |       |        |
| Secretary              |       |       |       |        |
| Frank J. Donahue       | 3     | 2     | 6     | 11     |
| Blanks                 |       |       |       |        |
| Treasurer              |       |       |       |        |
| Frederick W. Mansfield | 3     | 2     | 5     | 10     |
| Joseph L. P. St. Cocur | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0      |
| Blanks                 |       |       |       |        |

|   | Pct 1 | Pct 2 | Pct 3 | Totals |
|---|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| <i>Auditor</i>                            |       |       |       |        |
| Frank H. Pope                             | 3     | 2     | 5     | 10     |
| Blanks.                                   |       |       |       |        |
| <i>Attorney General</i>                   |       |       |       |        |
| Thomas J. Boynton                         | 3     | 2     | 6     | 11     |
| Blanks.                                   |       |       |       |        |
| <i>Councillor</i>                         |       |       |       |        |
| John J. Hogan                             | 2     | 1     | 6     | 9      |
| Blanks.                                   |       |       |       |        |
| <i>Senator</i>                            |       |       |       |        |
| Edward Fisher                             | 3     | 2     | 5     | 10     |
| Blanks.                                   |       |       |       |        |
| <i>Representative in General Court</i>    |       |       |       |        |
| James P. Danigan                          | 3     | 2     | 5     | 10     |
| Blanks.                                   |       |       |       |        |
| <i>County Commissioner</i>                |       |       |       |        |
| John B. McCloskey                         | 11    | 0     | 0     | 0      |
| Fred H. Rourke                            | 1     | 0     | 1     | 2      |
| Henry J. Thompson                         | 0     | 1     | 0     | 1      |
| William H. Walsh                          | 2     | 1     | 5     | 8      |
| Blanks.                                   |       |       |       |        |
| <i>Associate Commissioners</i>            |       |       |       |        |
| <i>District Attorney</i>                  |       |       |       |        |
| William J. Corcoran                       | 1     | 1     | 3     | 5      |
| William R. Scharton                       | 2     | 1     | 2     | 5      |
| Blanks.                                   |       |       |       |        |
| <i>Register of Probate and Insolvency</i> |       |       |       |        |
| James T. Barrett                          | 3     | 2     | 6     | 11     |
| Blanks.                                   |       |       |       |        |
| <i>Register of Deeds</i>                  |       |       |       |        |
| J. Frank Facey                            | 3     | 2     | 6     | 11     |
| Blanks.                                   |       |       |       |        |
| <i>State Committee</i>                    |       |       |       |        |

|   | Pct 1 | Pct 2 | Pct 3 | Totals |
|---|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| <i>Delegate to State Convention</i>               |       |       |       |        |
| James Hensley                                     | 3     | 1     | 6     | 10     |
| Blanks.   |       |       |       |        |
| <i>Town Committee</i>                             |       |       |       |        |
| William F. Kelley                                 | 3     | 1     | 6     | 10     |
| Edwin T. Swift Jr.                                | 3     | 1     | 6     | 10     |
| James Hensley                                     | 3     | 1     | 6     | 10     |
| William C. Coughlin                               | 3     | 1     | 6     | 10     |
| Thomas J. Heaton                                  | 3     | 1     | 6     | 10     |
| Blanks.   |       |       |       |        |
| <i>Record of votes cast for candidates of the</i> |       |       |       |        |
| <i>Republican Party</i>                           |       |       |       |        |
| <i>Governor</i>                                   |       |       |       |        |
| Elliott C. Benton                                 | 5     | 7     | 13    | 25     |
| Augustus P. Gardner                               | 13    | 9     | 5     | 27     |
| Blanks.   |       |       |       |        |
| <i>Lieut Governor</i>                             |       |       |       |        |
| August H. Goetting                                | 19    | 16    | 17    | 52     |
| Blanks.   |       |       |       |        |
| <i>Secretary</i>                                  |       |       |       |        |
| William S. Timney                                 | 17    | 13    | 17    | 47     |
| Blanks.   |       |       |       |        |
| <i>Treasurer</i>                                  |       |       |       |        |
| Charles L. Burrill                                | 15    | 13    | 14    | 42     |
| Maurice Kane                                      | 2     | 2     | 3     | 7      |
| Blanks.   |       |       |       |        |
| <i>Auditor</i>                                    |       |       |       |        |
| John E. White                                     | 17    | 14    | 18    | 49     |
| Blanks.   |       |       |       |        |
| <i>Attorney General</i>                           |       |       |       |        |
| James W. Swift                                    | 17    | 15    | 16    | 48     |
| Blanks.   |       |       |       |        |
| <i>Councillor</i>                                 |       |       |       |        |
| G. Frederick Simpson                              | 15    | 14    | 16    | 45     |
| Blanks.   |       |       |       |        |



| Senator                            | Pct 1 | Pct 2 | Pct 3 | Totals |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Otto Reither                       | 19    | 15    | 16    | 50     |
| Blanks.                            |       |       |       |        |
| Representative in General Court    |       |       |       |        |
| Charles A. Kimball                 | 20    | 15    | 16    | 51     |
| Blanks.                            |       |       |       |        |
| County Commissioner                |       |       |       |        |
| Erson B. Barlow                    | 2     | 0     | 2     | 4      |
| Fredric P. Barnes                  | 1     | 0     | 1     | 2      |
| Joseph Walter Bowens               | 1     | 0     | 1     | 2      |
| George H. Jennings                 | 1     | 0     | 0     | 1      |
| Frank A. Patch                     | 15    | 17    | 16    | 48     |
| Joshua Wilson                      | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0      |
| Blanks.                            |       |       |       |        |
| Associate Commissioners            |       |       |       |        |
| Ben. Corlidge                      | 0     | 0     | 1     | 1      |
| District Attorney                  |       |       |       |        |
| John J. Higgins                    | 16    | 15    | 13    | 44     |
| Blanks.                            |       |       |       |        |
| Register of Probate and Insolvency |       |       |       |        |
| William E. Rogers                  | 16    | 15    | 16    | 47     |
| Blanks.                            |       |       |       |        |
| Register of Deeds                  |       |       |       |        |
| Thomas Leighton Jr.                | 17    | 15    | 16    | 48     |
| Blanks.                            |       |       |       |        |
| State Committee                    |       |       |       |        |
| Lucas Pfeiffer                     | 18    | 15    | 14    | 47     |
| Blanks.                            |       |       |       |        |
| Delegates to State Conventions     |       |       |       |        |
| James Grimes                       | 1     | 0     | 1     | 2      |
| Moses E. Taylor                    | 2     | 0     | 0     | 2      |
| Town Committee                     |       |       |       |        |
| James Grimes                       | 2     | 3     | 5     | 10     |
| F. R. Knowlton                     | 2     | 3     | 5     | 10     |

|                   | Pct 1 | Pct 2 | Pct 3 | Totals |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Charles J. Holtin | 2     | 3     | 5     | 10     |
| Frank W. Hoyt     | 2     | 3     | 5     | 10     |
| Lyman C. Taylor   | 2     | 3     | 5     | 10     |
| Anson C. Piper    | 2     | 3     | 5     | 10     |
| Moses E. Taylor   | 2     | 3     | 5     | 10     |
| Horace F. Tuttle  | 1     | 3     | 5     | 9      |
| David C. Harris   | 2     | 3     | 4     | 9      |

### Record of votes cast for the candidates of the Progressive Party.

|                      | Pct 1 | Pct 2 | Pct 3 | Total |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Governor             |       |       |       |       |
| Charles Sumner Bird  | 7     | 7     | 9     | 23    |
| Blanks.              |       |       |       |       |
| Lieut Governor       |       |       |       |       |
| Daniel Cosgrove      | 6     | 7     | 8     | 21    |
| Blanks.              |       |       |       |       |
| Secretary            |       |       |       |       |
| Russell A. Wood      | 6     | 7     | 8     | 21    |
| Blanks.              |       |       |       |       |
| Treasurer            |       |       |       |       |
| Warren R. Keith      | 6     | 7     | 8     | 21    |
| Blanks.              |       |       |       |       |
| Auditor              |       |       |       |       |
| Octave A. La Riviere | 6     | 7     | 8     | 21    |
| Blanks.              |       |       |       |       |
| Attorney General     |       |       |       |       |
| H. Heustis Newton    | 6     | 7     | 8     | 21    |
| Blanks.              |       |       |       |       |
| Councillor           |       |       |       |       |
| Harrie C. Hunter     | 6     | 6     | 7     | 19    |
| Blanks.              |       |       |       |       |
| Senator              |       |       |       |       |
| Edward Fisher        | 1     | 0     | 0     | 1     |
| Blanks.              |       |       |       |       |

|                                    | Pct 1 | Pct 2 | Pct 3 | Total |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Representation in General Court    |       |       |       |       |
| John L. Harrison                   | 1     | 1     | 0     | 2     |
| James B. Tuttle                    | 6     | 6     | 7     | 19    |
| Blanks.                            |       |       |       |       |
| County Commissioners               |       |       |       |       |
| Charles H. McIntire                | 5     | 6     | 6     | 17    |
| Blanks.                            |       |       |       |       |
| Associate Commissioners            |       |       |       |       |
| Blanks.                            |       |       |       |       |
| District Attorney                  |       |       |       |       |
| Philip M. Clark                    | 7     | 6     | 8     | 21    |
| Blanks.                            |       |       |       |       |
| Register of Probate and Insolvency |       |       |       |       |
| Blanks.                            |       |       |       |       |
| Register of Deeds                  |       |       |       |       |
| Albin M. Richards                  | 5     | 6     | 7     | 18    |
| Thomas Lighten Jr.                 | 0     | 0     | 1     | 1     |
| Blanks.                            |       |       |       |       |
| State Committee                    |       |       |       |       |
| Osborne M. Lord                    | 6     | 5     | 8     | 19    |
| Blanks.                            |       |       |       |       |
| Delegates to State Conventions     |       |       |       |       |
| Arthur E. Payson                   | 6     | 7     | 8     | 21    |
| Charles A. Durkee                  | 6     | 7     | 8     | 21    |
| Nicholas Samsel                    | 6     | 7     | 8     | 21    |
| Blanks.                            |       |       |       |       |
| Town Committee                     |       |       |       |       |
| Arthur E. Payson                   | 6     | 7     | 8     | 21    |
| Frank H. Holden                    | 6     | 7     | 8     | 21    |
| John Sidney White                  | 6     | 7     | 8     | 21    |
| William H. Kingsley                | 6     | 7     | 8     | 21    |
| John E. Macy                       | 6     | 7     | 8     | 21    |
| George E. Clapp                    | 6     | 7     | 8     | 21    |
| Nicholas Samsel                    | 6     | 7     | 8     | 21    |
| Nelson J. Cole                     | 6     | 7     | 8     | 21    |
| Frank L. Stiles                    | 6     | 7     | 8     | 21    |

|                    | Pct. 1 | Pct. 2 | Pct. 3 | Totals |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Charles A. Durkee  | 6      | 7      | 8      | 21     |
| Bertram E. Hall    | 6      | 7      | 8      | 21     |
| William F. Stevens | 6      | 7      | 8      | 21     |
| Ernest R. Teale    | 6      | 7      | 8      | 21     |
| James B. Tuttle    | 6      | 7      | 8      | 21     |
| Bertram S. Holt    | 6      | 7      | 8      | 21     |

A true record, Attest  
 Horau. F. Tuttle  
 Town Clerk.



# Warrant for the State Election Nov. 4, 1913

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex s.s.

To either of the constables of the Town of Acton  
Greeting: - In the name of the Commonwealth you  
are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of  
said town who are qualified to vote to meet as follows:-  
Precinct 1 at Town Hall, Acton Center, Precinct 2, at  
Universalist Vestry, So. Acton and Precinct 3, at Fire  
House, West Acton.

Tuesday the fourth day of November, 1913  
for the following purposes: To bring in their votes  
for the following officers.

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Governor                           | for this Commonwealth.                      |
| Lieut. Governor                    | " " "                                       |
| Secretary of the Commonwealth      | "   |
| Treasurer                          | " " "                                       |
| Auditor                            | " " "                                       |
| Attorney General                   | " " "                                       |
| Councillor                         | for the 6 <sup>th</sup> Councillor District |
| Senator                            | " " 7 Senatorial "                          |
| Representative in General Court    | 11 <sup>th</sup> Middlesex "                |
| County Commissioner                | Middlesex County                            |
| Two Associate Commissioners        | " "   |
| District Attorney                  | Northern District                           |
| Register of Probate and Insolvency | Middlesex County                            |
| Register of Deeds                  | " "   |

To bring in their votes on the following questions  
Amendment to the constitution making women  
eligible to appointment as Notaries Public Chap 28.  
Resolves of 1913.)

Amendment to the constitution authorizing the  
referendum Chap 116, Resolves of 1913  
Acceptance of Chap. 807. Act of 1913 entitled "An act  
to provide for compensating certain public employees

for injuries sustained in the course of their employment"  
The polls will be open from 6.30 A.M. to 4. P.M.  
And you are directed to serve this warrant by fastening  
attested copies thereof seven days at least before the time  
of said meeting as directed by vote of the town  
Should fail not and make due return of this warrant  
with your doings thereon at the time and place of said  
meeting  
Given under our hands this twenty third day of October  
A.D. 1913

James P. Brown  
Edward J. Stanley  
Fred. S. Whitcomb

Selectmen of Acton

I hereby certify that attested copies of the within warrant  
have been posted as directed by the Selectmen seven  
days before the time appointed for holding said meetings  
Wm. F. Stevens

Acton Oct. 27, 1913 Constable of Acton

Proceedings of Meetings held Nov. 4, 1913  
in accordance with the preceding warrant.

The following is a record of the names of all persons  
voted for, the number of votes received for each person,  
the title of the office for which he was proposed and the  
number of blank ballots received for each office.

Party designations D. Democratic, I. Independent, Prog.  
Progressive, P. Prohibition, R. Republican, S. Socialist  
S.L. Socialist Labor.

Votes.

| For Governor.            | Prec. 1     | Prec. 2     | Prec. 3     | Total |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| Charles Sumner Bird Prog | thirty five | fifty eight | fifty seven | 150   |
| Alfred H. Evans P.       | none        | none        | none        | 0     |
| Eugene A. Foss I.        | five        | nine        | one         | 15    |
| Augustus P. Gardner R.   | fifty six   | forty seven | fifty five  | 158   |
| Arthur E. Reimer S.L.    | none        | none        | none        | 0     |
| David J. Walsh D.        | fourteen    | twenty five | twenty six  | 65    |
| George H. Wrenn S.       | none        | none        | nine        | 9     |
| Blanks.                  | none        | three       | none        | 3     |

Lieut Governor.

|                         |             |             |              |     |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----|
| Edward P. Barry D.      | fifteen     | twenty five | twenty three | 63  |
| Daniel Casgrove Prog    | twenty nine | fifty three | forty nine   | 131 |
| August H. Goetting R.   | sixty two   | sixty       | sixty one    | 183 |
| Albert J. Orem P.       | one         | one         | none         | 2   |
| Peter O'Rourke S.L.     | one         | none        | none         | 1   |
| George E. Roewer Jr. S. | one         | one         | none         | 2   |
| Blanks.                 | one         | two         | six          | 9   |

Secretary

|                       |            |             |            |     |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----|
| Frank J. Donahue D.   | fifteen    | twenty five | twenty six | 66  |
| William S. Kenney R.  | sixty      | sixty       | fifty five | 175 |
| John A. Nicholls P.   | two        | one         | none       | 3   |
| Fred E. Belcher S.L.  | none       | none        | none       | 0   |
| Ella M. Roberts S.    | none       | none        | none       | 0   |
| Russell A. Wood Prog. | twenty six | forty one   | fifty two  | 119 |
| Blanks.               | seven      | five        | six        | 18  |

Treasurer

|                          |              |             |              |     |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-----|
| Charles L. Burrill R.    | sixty three  | fifty seven | sixty        | 180 |
| Charles E. Fenner S.     | none         | none        | none         | 0   |
| Thomas A. Frissell P.    | one          | two         | one          | 4   |
| Warren R. Keith Prog     | twenty seven | fifty       | forty five   | 122 |
| Fredrick W. Mansfield D. | fifteen      | twenty two  | twenty three | 60  |
| Dennis McGoff. S.L.      | one          | one         | none         | 2   |
| Blanks.                  | three        | ten         | ten          | 23  |

Auditor

|                           |             |             |             |     |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----|
| Herbert S. Brown P.       | three       | one         | two         | 6   |
| David Craig S.L.          | none        | none        | none        | 0   |
| Octave A. La Riviere Prog | twenty five | forty one   | forty three | 109 |
| Samuel P. Levenberg S.    | none        | none        | none        | 0   |
| Frank H. Pope D.          | fifteen     | twenty four | twenty five | 64  |
| John E. White R.          | sixty       | sixty four  | fifty seven | 181 |
| Blanks.                   | seven       | eleven      | twelve      | 30  |

Attorney General

|                         |            |             |              |     |
|-------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-----|
| Thomas J. Boynton D.    | seventeen  | twenty      | twenty three | 60  |
| Freeman T. Cernmett. P. | one        | none        | one          | 2   |
| John McCarty S.         | none       | one         | none         | 1   |
| H. Hustis Newton Prog   | twenty six | forty seven | forty six    | 119 |
| Ingvor Paulsen S.L.     | none       | one         | none         | 1   |
| James M. Swift R.       | sixty      | sixty five  | sixty        | 185 |
| Blanks.                 | six        | eight       | nine         | 23  |

Councillor 6<sup>th</sup> District

|                          |              |              |             |     |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----|
| John J. Hogan D.         | twelve       | twenty three | twenty one  | 56  |
| Harrie C. Hunter Prog    | twenty seven | forty nine   | forty five  | 121 |
| Ly. Frederick Simpson R. | sixty two    | fifty eight  | fifty seven | 177 |
| Blanks.                  | nine         | eleven       | sixteen     | 36  |

Senator

|                         |              |             |             |     |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----|
| William F. Belcher Prog | twenty three | forty three | thirty five | 101 |
| Edward Fisher D.        | twenty seven | forty three | forty four  | 114 |
| Otto Reither R.         | fifty two    | fifty one   | forty nine  | 152 |
| Blanks.                 | eight        | five        | eleven      | 24  |



| Representative in General Court                                      | Precinct 1   | Precinct 2   | Precinct 3   | Totals |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------|
| James P. Dunigan D.  | twelve       | seventeen    | twenty       | 49     |
| John L. Hemmison Prog.   | twenty four  | forty eight  | forty seven  | 119    |
| Charles A. Kimball R.  | sixty seven  | sixty seven  | sixty five   | 199    |
| Blanks.  | seven        | ten          | seven        | 24     |
| County Commissioner  | fifty nine   | fifty nine   | fifty two    |        |
| Erson B. Barlow R.   |              |              |              | 170    |
| John B. McCloskey D.   | fifteen      | nineteen     | twenty       | 54     |
| Charles H. McIntire Prog.  | thirty one   | fifty five   | fifty seven  | 143    |
| Blanks.  | five         | nine         | ten          | 24     |
| Associate Commissioners  |              |              |              |        |
| Charles W. Atkins Prog.  | nineteen     | thirty five  | thirty five  | 89     |
| Frederic P. Barnes R.  | fifty nine   | fifty nine   | forty six    | 164    |
| John J. Butler D.  | nine         | twenty       | seventeen    | 46     |
| George W. Wright D.  | ten          | eleven       | fifteen      | 36     |
| Edwin P. Fitzgerald R.   | forty five   | thirty four  | thirty two   | 111    |
| Albert T. Parker Prog.   | twenty two   | forty four   | forty one    | 107    |
| Blanks.  | fifty six    | eleven       | ninety two   | 159    |
| District Attorney  |              |              |              |        |
| Philip M. Clark Prog.  | twenty three | fifty        | forty four   | 117    |
| William J. Corcoran D.   | fifteen      | eighteen     | twenty five  | 58     |
| John J. Higgins R.   | sixty three  | fifty eight  | fifty one    | 172    |
| Blanks.  | nine         | fifteen      | nineteen     | 53     |
| Register of Probate and Insolvency                                   |              |              |              |        |
| James T. Barrett D.  | thirteen     | twenty three | twenty two   | 58     |
| William E. Rogers Prog. R.   | eighty four  | one hundred  | eighty eight | 272    |
| Blanks.  | thirteen     | nineteen     | twenty nine  | 61     |
| Register of Deeds (to fill vacancy)                                  |              |              |              |        |
| J. Frank Facey D.  | fifteen      | twenty three | twenty one   | 59     |
| Thomas Leighton Jr R.  | sixty five   | sixty five   | fifty nine   | 189    |
| Albin M. Richards Prog.  | twenty four  | forty six    | forty        | 110    |
| Blanks.  | six          | eight        | nineteen     | 33     |
| Amendment to constitution making women eligible as Notaries Public - |              |              |              |        |
| Yes.   | thirty three | fifty five   | forty nine   | 137    |
| No   | fifty three  | forty six    | forty one    | 140    |
| Blanks   | 24           | 41           | 29           | 114    |

| Amendment to constitution authorizing the referendum | Precinct 1   | Precinct 2 | Precinct 3   | Total |
|--|--------------|------------|--------------|-------|
| Yes.   | forty two    | fifty nine | fifty four   | 155   |
| No.  | twenty eight | twenty one | twelve       | 61    |
| Blanks.  | forty        | sixty two  | twenty three | 175   |

Acceptance of Chap 807 of the acts of 1913 relating to the compensation of certain laborers.

|         |              |              |              |     |
|---------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----|
| Yes.    | thirty eight | sixty two    | fifty one    | 151 |
| No.     | thirty three | twenty eight | twenty three | 84  |
| Blanks. | thirty nine  | fifty two    | sixty five   | 156 |

Total number of ballots cast 110 142 139 391

Total number of votes checked 110 142 139 391

A true record, Attest, Horace F. Tuttle

Town Clerk.

Vote for Representative in the Eleventh Middlesex District Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1913.

|                                   | Acton | Ayer | Carlisle | Chelmsford | Littletton | Westford | Totals |
|-----------------------------------|-------|------|----------|------------|------------|----------|--------|
| James P. Dunigan of Chelmsford D. | 49    | 146  | 23       | 325        | 39         | 98       | 680    |
| John L. Hemmison of Ayer Prog. R. | 119   | 146  | 22       | 176        | 32         | 65       | 560    |
| Charles A. Kimball of Littletton  | 199   | 126  | 44       | 185        | 135        | 201      | 890    |
| Blanks.                           | 24    | 35   | 5        | 37         | 6          | 29       | 136    |
|                                   | 391   | 453  | 94       | 723        | 212        | 393      | 2266   |

Horace F. Tuttle Town Clerk of Acton

|                    |   |   |   |            |
|--------------------|---|---|---|------------|
| Guy B. Rerrick     | " | " | " | Ayer       |
| Herbert A. Lee.    | " | " | " | Carlisle   |
| Edward J. Robbins  | " | " | " | Chelmsford |
| Charles A. Kimball | " | " | " | Littletton |
| Edward Fisher      | " | " | " | Westford   |